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WEEK DAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.19	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.23	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yaumati...	...Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	...Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.02	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.56	6.05	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.09	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.20	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	9.12	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.15	6.24	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	9.18	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.21	6.30	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	8.12	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	5.40	6.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	8.19	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	5.47	6.16
Fanling ...	...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	—	5.51	6.20
Taipo Market	...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	—	6.01	6.30
Taipo ...	...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	—	6.05	6.34
Shatin ...	...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	—	6.18	6.47
Yaumati...	...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	—	6.30	6.59
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No. 205.

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.

Mounted Infantry Company will carry out a Tactical Ride and Reconnissance on the Frontier on Sunday, 3rd January, 1926. A full attendance is expected.

Dress: Field Service uniform with rifles.

Assembly: Jockey Club Stables at Kwanti at 12 noon.

Members to catch the 10.30 a.m. train from Kowloon, arriving at Fanling at 11.18 a.m. where they will transfer to the branch line train leaving at 11.30 a.m.

Ponies: Strict instructions have been issued to the grooms in charge of the Mounted Infantry ponies that ponies are not to be ridden by anyone other than the owner of the pony, unless a written order is handed to the Head Groom signed by the owner of the pony giving permission. Members must adhere to this rule.

On Field Days or Parades which are ordered by O.C. Mounted Infantry Co., ponies will, of course, be allotted to members without ponies, shall owners not be attending same.

RESERVE COMPANY.

The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the Reserve Company at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th December.

The following is extracted from the Hongkong *Government Gazette* dated 18th December, 1925 :—

"H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Captain H. E. L. Dowbiggin, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, to act as his Honorary Aide-de-Camp, with effect from the 11th December, 1925."

STRENGTH.

The following are taken on the strength, as from 21st December, 1925, and posted as under :—

No. 1009 Pte. B. A. de Pass, Mounted Infantry Company.
No. 1010 Pte. B. H. Church, Armoured Car Company.

REVERSIONS.

The following Acting Ranks revert to their substantive ranks, as from 21st December, 1925 :—

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.

No. 458 A/C.S.M. R. H. G. Charles, reverts to the rank of Sergeant.
No. 420 A/Sergt. G. W. Sewell, reverts to the rank of Corporal.
No. 543 A/Sergt. A. Forsyth, reverts to the rank of Lance-Corporal.
No. 340 Corpl. J. P. Bridger, Armoured Car Company, is permitted to revert to the rank of Private at his own request, as from 31st December, 1925.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from 21st December, 1925 :—

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.

No. 543 L/Corpl. A. Forsyth to be Corporal.
No. 494 A/L/Cpl. L. H. Kearne to be Lance-Corporal.
No. 574 A/L/Cpl. E. L. Pinguet to be Lance-Corporal.

TRANSFER.

No. 828 Pte. G. H. Gibson, M.I. Co., is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Company, as from 21st December, 1925.

LEAVE.

No. 339 C.S.M. H. C. MacNarama, and No. 383 Sergt. M. M. Watson, M.C. Co., rejoined from leave on 21st December, 1925.

No. 829 Pte. G. H. Gibson, Reserve Co., is granted leave from 21st December, 1925, to 20th June, 1926.

RESIGNATION.

No. 4 Sergt. F. A. Wells, Reserve Company, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 31st December, 1925.

L. D. JOLL, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hongkong, December 24th, 1925.

NOTICE.

The Commandant wishes all members of the Corps a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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SAUSAGE SUPPERS.

In the best society of Vienna—some of the families are short of money but try to enjoy life as much as possible with *dancing, music, and laughter*—the sausage supper, following tea, has eliminated dinner on most evenings, writes a correspondent from the Austrian capital.

Tea is now almost general, but is timed for 6 instead of 5 o'clock, because the sons and daughters are nearly all working for a living and cannot be home before 6.

Circles of friends therefore have tea at the flat of each hostess in turn, and there is dancing to wireless, or gramophone music or perhaps a small amateur orchestra. This continues until 9, when hot sausages are served with horseradish and any sandwiches left over from tea.

Not only is this custom economical but it tends also to avert over-eating, and thus preserves the slimness which women find it so hard to retain even after they have "cured" themselves down to the fashionable "line."

THE COMMUNIST TRIAL.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL ON MOSCOW MONEY.

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At the trial of the 12 men who were sentenced by Mr. Justice Swift at Old Bailey to various terms of imprisonment for seditious conspiracy, the Attorney-General (Sir Douglas Hogg, K.C.) who led for the prosecution, said: The nature of the conspiracy which we undertake to prove is that these 12 defendants were the heads in this country—the supreme control being in Moscow—of an illegal organisation calling itself the Communist Party of Great Britain, and the illegality which we allege against that organisation is that it was an organisation which had as its object the overthrow by arms of the existing state of society and as a means to that end the seduction from their allegiance of the armed forces of the Crown.

MOSCOW HEADQUARTERS.

He pointed out that the supreme head of the Communist Party resided in Moscow, where was held the World Congress, the decisions of which were binding upon all branches of the party in any part of the world. In England an executive committee directed the affairs of the party in this country, subject always to the instructions it got from and the decisions taken in Moscow. In connection with the Communist International there had been formed a body called the Young Communist International, organised for the purpose of getting boys and girls when they left school and went into industry.

After reading extracts from Communist documents, Sir Douglas said that the duties of the members of the Young Communist League were, according to the report of the Communist International, to corrupt the soldiers of the Imperialist States — England, for instance — and seduce them so that if they were ordered to take part in a foreign war they would instead start a civil war.

"A more dangerous doctrine," he commented, "if it met with any success, it is hardly possible for us to conceive. What would have happened if the Army had mutinied when the last war broke out is best left to the imagination."

Sir Douglas quoted from a document in which the report of a speech by Gallacher contained the word "Bolsheviks."

JUDGE AND "BOLSHEVIKS."

Mr. Justice Swift: I don't know whether the jury know—but I am sure I don't know—can you tell us what a Bolshevik is?

The Attorney-General said that Bolshevik anti-militarist propaganda meant, in effect, "arranging that, instead of defeating militarism you shall turn any attempt at Imperial warfare for the State into civil war within the State and prepare the soldiers to take their part in that undertaking."

Sir Douglas read an extract from a book published in Moscow entitled "The Resolutions Adopted at the Fourth Congress of the Young Communist International," in which reference was made to "the immediate establishment of adequate illegal apparatus and the training of the league members for illegal work."

Mr. Justice Swift pointed out that this part of the book was addressed to the Young Workers' League of America, and that the instructions to the Young Communist League of Great Britain formed part of the earlier pages. He asked Sir Douglas to deal with that only.

A COURT SCENE.

Sir Douglas then read an extract relating to the Young Communist League of Great Britain urging the establishment of nuclei organisations in the Army and Navy.

A man at the back of the court called out, "The trial is a farce anyhow."

Mr. Justice Swift (severely): Let that person be turned out of court.

"For what purpose?" asked the man.

He got no further, for officers at once took him by the arm and put him out of court.

The Attorney-General said that the document from which he had quoted was printed in Sweden.

Dealing with articles in the *Workers' Weekly*, Sir Douglas said this paper was supposed to have a circulation of 50,000 a week. It advocated that Labour disputes should be turned into a general strike to paralyse industry, and that soldiers were to be invited to disobey orders in disturbed areas and to shoot their officers rather than obey orders to shoot the workers or strikers.

QUESTION OF MONEY.

Referring to the question of finance, Sir Douglas said that the British Communists seemed to be spending about £12,000 a year. The salaries paid to the officials varied from about £5 a week to about £3 10s., and, so far as one could judge, most of the rest of the money was spent on agitation work. There was no doubt that the defendants were bound to act under directions from Moscow, since they were being subsidised by Moscow, and the methods they were bound to adopt under Moscow's directions were criminal and illegal.

RECENT SAYINGS.

Violence is moral when it is timely, chirurgical, and chivalrous.—*Signor Mussolini.*

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The Chairman (Mr. Nodaira) said in the course of his address:—

The alterations in the articles of association passed at the last meeting necessitated the financial term under review to be only four months, i.e., from July to October. During the first of this term, your mills, owing to the general strike, were compelled to cease operating. Consequently the result of the term has been far from satisfactory.

Upkeep and maintenance of your property have received most careful attention and the mills are in excellent condition. The working of the mills, etc., are stated fully in the report. As to depreciation, no doubt you will readily understand I have to repeat our regrets that we are still unable to provide a fund for the purpose of writing down your assets.

Under the chaotic, unremitting upheavals, of which we have had quite enough, we cannot help but take a pessimistic view of industrial enterprise in China, but I am inclined to feel that this state of *impasse* is bound to happen during a transitional period, more especially with such a huge nation as China, with its millions of inhabitants, before it can place its political and economic conditions on a sound footing, and we have to wait with resignation and patience for the prosperous futnre to come.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN ALL NATIONALITIES.

Meanwile no endeavour should be spared toward development of this important industry, and I am glad to say that following the formation of a Japanese mill-owners' Association in China, another powerful body under the name of the Indian Cotton Importers' Association was inaugurated here three weeks ago among several mills and cotton dealers, irrespective of their different nationalities. The initial object of this body is to reduce charges on Indian cotton coming to this port, but a very gratifying fact is the spirit that has brought several different mill-owners to join the scheme, disregarding their small differences, in order to take joint and united action for the betterment of the common object, and it is earnestly hoped that such spirit should not only be limited to one problem, but further extended to various matters, some of which require very serious consideration, especially at the present juncture.

I am told that there is a movement among mill-owners to devise ways and means for combating the bad habit of watering raw Chinese Cotton, and I sincerely wish them every success in carrying out this object in the same spirit of co-operation which is now prevailing.

Before closing my remarks I wish to state that the very large loan account appearing among the liabilities was, as reported, due to disorganization of business by the general strike, but with the resumption of more normal conditions, I am glad to say that this figure is fast diminishing.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

Over the signatures of the Chaplain (the Rev. T. B. Powell) and the Secretary of the Church Body (Mr. W. T. Pattendin), the following circular letter has been issued:—

"We should like to remind you that the Patronal Festival of the Cathedral takes place on the last Sunday of this year. It is the English practice to dedicate churches to particular saints, so our own Cathedral is dedicated to St. John. Once a year we think especially of his work—particularly the writing of the gospel according to St. John—and our own responsibility for its furtherance. As we have our particular Festival on a Sunday only once in seven years, we are anxious to make the most of St. John's Day, December 27th, and we invite you to help us.

"It has been decided to make the Patronal Festival a Thanksgiving Sunday. In these days of stress and strain it is very easy to forget how richly God has blessed us. There are the spiritual blessings: the beauties of nature with which we are surrounded: gifts of good health, and the material benefits of previous years.

"We invite you therefore to come to the Cathedral on Sunday, December 27th, to take part in the services, to thank God for His blessings to you and yours, and to this Colony in the past years: and to pray for a speedy end to the troubles in China.

"In the last two years great and successful efforts have been made to beautify and refurnish the Cathedral and to make it more worthy of our English tradition. Among other things the Side Chapel has been enlarged and improved; and a dignified organ casing has been erected. These many improvements are costing a great deal of money, and although it is very scarce, we hope that you will be disposed to make a contribution to the sum required—some thirteen thousand dollars.

"But the main object of this letter is to invite you to take part in our day of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the past—and to quicken your interest in the work of the Mother Church of this Colony."

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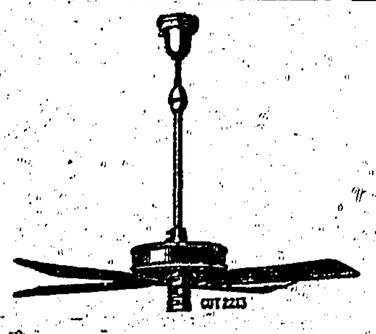

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CEREMONIES AT TAIKOO AND KOWLOON DOCKS.

Yesterday two locally built vessels were launched—one at the Taikoo Dockyard and the other at the yard of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

Both launchings took place at the same hour, viz. at five o'clock.

At the Kowloon Docks, Mrs. Clementi, wife of H.E. the Governor (the Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.), performed the ceremony of launching the *Siang Wo*, built to the order of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., for the Middle Yangtsze river service; while at Taikoo Dock, Miss Stirling, daughter of Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, R.N., had the honour of naming the *Antung*, built to the order of the China Navigation Co., Ltd.

LAUNCH AT TAIKOO.

The s.s. *Antung*, which is of the awning deck type, has an overall length of 350 feet, a beam of 49 feet and 34 feet depth to awning deck, built to scantlings approved by the British Corporation on the deep framed system, with a cellular double bottom all fore and aft, three complete decks, and four cargo holds. A large steel deckhouse amidships has accommodation for 20 first class passengers with saloon at fore end. On the promenade deck are staterooms and saloon for 8 saloon passengers. The dining saloon has been designed and panelled which, with the pleasing upholstery, makes a very neat and harmonious room. The officers and engineers are accommodated in rooms abaft the passengers' staterooms. On the boat deck in a steel house are the captain's rooms with chart room forward. At the after end of boat deck is a steel house for the wireless operator and a room for the officers recreation, combining smoke room and music room for their use.

The vessel has 10 steam winches and 10 derricks arranged for 2, 5 and 10 ton lifts, while provision has been made for a 30-ton derrick. Electric light is fitted throughout the vessel and a plentiful supply of fans. Eight lifeboats are housed on boat deck, the davits being fitted with Turnbull's patent turning out gear.

The machinery consists of one set of geared turbines of the Brown Curtis type, supplied with superheated steam from three multitubular marine boilers having a working pressure of 220 lbs. per square inch. Turbines and boilers have been constructed by the Taikoo Dockyard.

A speed of over 13 knots is anticipated on trial.

The naming ceremony was performed by Miss Stirling, daughter of Commodore Stirling, R.N. The function was small and informal.

LAUNCH AT KOWLOON DOCKS.

Mrs. C. Clementi, wife of H.E. the Governor, performed the bottle breaking ceremony at the launching of the s.s. *Siang Wo* at Kowloon Dock yesterday afternoon.

There was a large gathering to witness the launching, those present including Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, the Hon. Mr. T. H. Creasy, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. R. M. Dyer and many others.

Promptly at five o'clock Mrs. Clementi cut the cord and broke the customary bottle of champagne, just as the vessel commenced to glide into the water. "Good luck *Siang Wo*" called out Mrs. Clementi, and three rousing cheers for the vessel were given.

Following the launching the guests were entertained at the Dock offices.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Managing Director, Jardine, Matheson & Co., in thanking the company for attending, said that the name *Siang Wo* meant "Felicity and Peace" and he could not think of a more appropriate name for a ship that was just commencing its career in the at present turbulent waters of China. Let them hope that the sentiments "Felicity and Peace" to be borne by this steamer would soon become the general state of China. (Applause.) If any of the company were likely to take a trip up the Yangtsze Gorges they could now travel from Shanghai to Hankow by the *Langwo* or *Kiangwo* and, as soon as this ship was finished, complete the journey as far as Ichang, in vessels all built at this Dockyard. After that, however, they would have to proceed up the Gorges in boats built in Shanghai or at Home.

This ship should have been launched several months ago and he very much regretted that owing to the strike and boycott there had been some delay. However, in spite of all the adverse circumstances with which they had had to contend, they had been able to carry on quite well, and it was encouraging to find that their neighbours, the Taikoo Dockyard, had also been able to continue work in their Yard and were likewise launching a ship that afternoon.

He thanked Mrs. Clementi for doing them the honour of coming to launch and christen this vessel. Mrs. Clementi was known to many of them there that day, when she was in Hongkong before, and he could not think of a better way the Dock Company could have welcomed her back than by asking her to christen the first ship launched since her return; and in agreeing to do so Mrs. Clementi had given evidence of the interest both she and H.E. the Governor took in the industries of Hongkong. He had very much pleasure in asking Mrs. Clementi to accept a small souvenir of the occasion, and he would ask all to join in drinking to the prosperity and success of the *Siang Wo* and her owners.

Mr. Bernard presented Mrs. Clementi with a diamond brooch, and the company drank to the success of the vessel.

MRS. CLEMENTI REPLIES.

Mrs. Clementi, in replying, spoke of the great pleasure it gave her to launch the good ship that afternoon. She thought it a great privilege to do so. She wished the vessel many years of work, and she hoped it would thoroughly fulfil its auspicious name.

INDO-CHINA CO.'S THANKS.

Mr. R. Sutherland, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., said it was his pleasant duty on behalf of the Indo-China Co., to thank the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., for having so successfully designed and launched the *Siang Wo* which, when completed would undoubtedly be a source of satisfaction to her owners. He said "undoubtedly" because they had had many years experience of the good and honest work of the Dock Company, this being the 8th vessel contracted for with the same builders. It was certainly a matter of congratulation to the Dock Company, particularly the Executive Staff that this good ship, notwithstanding unexpected, and what at one time looked like insuperable difficulties, had been successfully launched within a reasonable margin of the expected date. Such results called for unremitting perseverance and patience and he might say that these qualities so pronounced in their Chief Manager must stand the Company in good stead.

It was perhaps in times of stress that the Executives of the Dock, judging by his experience, reached the high-water mark of efficiency, and in combating the ever recurring chaos caused by labour troubles, typhoons, etc., and in emergency salvage operations; he had always sworn by them. It was only right to add, however, that in the ordinary routine of business, he had so far forgotten himself as to occasionally swear at them. (Laughter.) However, he could assure them that their relations had always been of the most cordial nature and long might they remain so.

That shipping generally was at its lowest ebb was world-wide knowledge; the depression in shipbuilding, particularly in the United Kingdom was such as to call for the most searching investigation by experts conversant with our great national industries. This regrettable state of trade had resulted in some half a million tons of shipping being laid up in U.K. ports alone, and still more serious perhaps some 3,000 Officers and Engineers had in consequence been put out of employment.

There were occasions, however, when shipping Companies, no matter how inopportune the time, were obliged to maintain at all costs, valuable trade connections, and it was a situation such as this that had some time ago to be faced by the Indo-China Co., and which led to the decision to replace, or supplement, the old vessels operating on the Middle Yangtsze River between Hankow and Ichang. The steamers in question were the *Changwo* aged 34 years and the *Kiangwo* which was built in Shanghai some 24 years ago. Old and faithful servants; links in that long and important chain of trade extending from Chungking 1,427 miles up the Yangtsze, thence to Hankow, Shanghai, Hongkong and Canton, a transport in all of over 2,500 miles or roughly speaking the distance from Hongkong to Australia, which illustrated the vastness of China's area of commercial trade. As the strength of the chain was governed by its weakest link so they had seen fit to bring the tonnage on the Middle River up to date by acquiring the vessel which they had just seen so successfully launched.

In wishing prosperity to the Dock Company, it was significant that in times of trade depression the Indo-China Co., could not find Docks for their annual overhaul jobs, without the use of the old Aberdeen Dock, a place which at one time they did not regard too favourably and which some years ago might have been demolished. It would seem, therefore, that there was still a very considerable amount of shipping in operation and as regards the Indo-China Co., it was a source of gratification to know that after a protracted lay-up of a portion of the fleet, all the vessels were now more or less operating in their customary trades. He trusted that the improvement would continue and that the Dock Co., would reap its benefits accordingly.

He would now ask all to drink to the continued prosperity of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., and he coupled this toast with the name of Mr. R. M. Dyer.

The toast was cordially drunk, and Mr. R. M. Dyer suitably replied, and said that though the last five or six months had been rather difficult, he was an optimist and was looking forward to the future.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSEL.

Following are the leading dimensions:
Length overall: 285 feet.
Length between perpendiculars: 275 feet.
Breadth moulded: 46 feet.
Depth moulded: 11 feet to main deck.

The vessel has two complete decks, with bridge deck amidships and boat deck aft, and is divided into six W.T. compartments by five transverse bulkheads, and has a deadweight carrying capacity of 1,330 tons on a draft of 9 feet.

Cargo is carried in the fore and aft holds and also in the 'tween decks, the latter will also be required for deck passengers. The facilities for working cargo consists of twin masts forward and derricks posts aft, the forward derricks being capable of lifting loads up to 10 tons: two winches are provided for each hatch, also 2 small wall winches.

The rudder is controlled from the bridge by the McTaggart Scott system of Telemotor gear, which is led to Hastie's steam steering gear directly coupled to the rudder head. A powerful steam windlass is fitted for working anchors and cables, a warping capstan being fitted aft.

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The ship has accommodation amidships for 12 1st class passengers in six commodious staterooms, each having two cot beds, and a continuous supply of hot and cold fresh water. The usual electric fans and radiators are also provided. The dining saloon situated just forward of the cabins has seating accommodation for 20, and is handsomely fitted out in teak, set off with carved and polished hardwood pilasters, a smoke room being constructed at the after end of the Bridge deck.

Accommodation for 2nd class passengers is provided on the aft boat deck where there are nine 4-berth cabins and a large dining saloon. The Captain's quarters, consisting of bed-room, sitting-room and bath-room, are situated just abaft the navigating bridge: the officers and engineers being housed amidships on the upper deck.

The vessel is electrially lighted throughout and fans and electric radiators are provided in all public, passengers and officer's rooms.

The vessel will be propelled by two sets of triple expansion engines, having cylinders 13½"—22"—35" with a stroke of 18". Steam is supplied by 2 Thornycroft water tube boilers designed for a working pressure of 250 lbs. per sq. inch. The boilers are arranged for coal fuel only with the Howden's system of forced draught.

The engine room will be equipped with auxiliary machinery of the most modern pattern, consisting of the Uniflux type Condenser with steel body, Monotype air pump, two independent main feed pumps and heater, evaporator, centrifugal circulating pump, independent bilge, sanitary fresh water and ballast pump. The reversing engine will be of Brown's latest make and the thrust block of the Michell type and a Crompton's ash hoist will be fitted.

LOCAL SPORT.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE MATCH.

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS *v.* H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The above match was shot off at Stonecutters Range on Saturday, December 19th, and resulted in a win for H.M.S. *Hawkins*.

The scores were as follow:—

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

	200 yds.	500 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
P.O. H. Page	32	35	31	98
P.O. A. C. Theday.	25	33	31	89
A.B. L. Ring	28	26	32	86
P.O. A. Lewry	26	31	24	81
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	25	29	25	79
L.S. S. Trowbridge	26	30	22	78
Col.-Sgt. W. Gossett	26	28	22	76
P.O. T. Shenton	22	27	23	72
Totals	210	239	210	659

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
Major A. R. Stamford, D.S.O.	29	30	28	87
Col. C. M. Stephen, D.S.O.	27	28	27	82
Staff-Sergt. W. M. Conley	23	23	29	75
Q.M.S. J. Wakeford	21	28	21	70
Pte. F. Roberts	23	25	21	69
Pte. C. Lake	23	21	17	61
Cpl. J. Mannering	18	24	18	60
L.-Cpl. J. Bendall	22	27	6	55
Totals	186	206	167	559

HOCKEY.

SIM SHIELD COMPETITION.

NAVY DEFEAT ARMY.

On the U.S.R.C. ground on Tuesday in the Sim Shield Competition, the Royal Navy Hockey team defeated the Army by 3 goals to 2.

The play was of a very high order, and the score in the first half was two all, Sillitoe and Hill scored for the Navy and Burgess scored twice for the Army.

In the second half, play was very keen and Nicholson scored for the Navy, thus winning the match.

The teams were:—

Navy:—Lt. Garwood; Lt. Wauchope, Lt. Emley; Lt. King, Lt. Simpson (capt.), Lt. Broome; Pay-Sub-Lt. Wilson, Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Hill, Lt. Sillitoe, Lt. Fleet.

Army:—Sergt. Clark; Sergt. Phillips, Lt. Smith; Capt. C. D. Armstrong, Capt. D. J. Alfree (capt.), Lt. Webb; L.-Cpl. Masters, Lt. V. R. Wright-Neville, Pte. Burgess, Lt. Jacob-Larcombe, 2nd-Lt. C. H. Dickins.

CLUB 2ND XI. DEFEATED.

The East Surreys defeated the Club 2nd XI. by 3 goals to 2. T. J. Price and D. Lyon scored for the Club.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

FANLING COMPETITIONS.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling, December 19th to 21st, resulted as follows:

C. C. Stark, one down, wins.
W. L. Dunbar, two down.
A. H. Ferguson, four down.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory issued the following report at 4.50 p.m. yesterday:—A moderate anti-cyclone remains unchanged over China. A moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some drizzle or mist.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES SENIOR AND JUNIOR FINALS.

Playing in the Senior game in the final tie of the United Services Competition yesterday, the East Surrey's had an easy win against the R.A., by 7-1. Early in the game Humberstone standing close in turned the ball past Stanton from a centre by Mackleworth. Harris hit the bar with a hard drive (with Douglas beaten) and the ball rebounding to play, Reade sent over the bar. Butler standing five yards out lifted the ball over the top from a pass by Charlesworth. Douglas came out to clear and was bowled over by Harris, Reade again shooting over. Douglas saved a shot from Drew and at the other end both Humberstone and Mackleworth missed from easy positions. Humberstone received from Bristowe and was challenged by Stanton but the Surrey's player lifted the ball over the goalie's head and going on sent the ball into empty goal. Butler scored the third goal for the Surrey's and Miles scored for the R.A. through Douglas coming out. At the interval the Surrey's were leading by three goals to one.

Soon after the restart, Butler took a pass from Mackleworth and running round the R.A. defence easily beat Stanton. The Surrey's forced a corner and during the scramble in front of the R.A. goal, Franklin handled and the R.A. cleared with a free kick. Reade brought Mackleworth down in the penalty area and from the spot kick Butler scored the fifth goal. The R.A. then got going and Jordan was forced to concede a corner. Bristowe cleared and, the Surrey's going down, Franklin scored. Stanton came out to punch away but missed the ball and Humberstone walked it into an empty goal. The final whistle sounded with the Surrey's winners by seven goals to one.

East Surrey's Reserves, 2; Staff and Depts, 0.

These teams met at Sookunpoo in the final game in the Junior Competition and the Surrey's won by two goals to *nil*. The Staffs at the advertised time had eight only of the team selected and taking in the reserve player started with two players short. Hicks scored for the Surrey's early in the game. Latham and Southall came on and completed the Staffs' team. The play was very even with the Surrey's forwards showing plenty of dash and the Staffs defence being very sound. Half-time: East Surrey's 1, Staff and Depts 0.

The Staffs had a good chance to level up early in the second half for the Surrey's goalkeeper handled outside the penalty area and the Staffs had a free kick. Sims sent the ball in but the shot was charged down. The Surrey's forced a corner, which was well placed by Merry, who scored after Sibley headed back to him. The final whistle sounded with the Surrey's winners by two goals to *nil*.

PRESENTATION.

At the close of the senior game, Major R. S. Paton, East Surrey's, Chairman of the United Services League, apologised for the absence of the G.O.C. The Major gave the number of teams entered in each division and remarked that four soldier teams were left in the finals. He would have liked to have seen both Services contesting the finals.

He wished to thank Mr. May, the Secretary, Q.M.S. Steele and Q.M.S. Charlesworth for the work they had put in to make the league a success. Major Paton then handed the Soldiers' Club shield to Q.M.S. Charlesworth, captain of the senior team, and the cup to Sgt. Garland, captain of the juniors. To each player of both the Surrey's teams he handed a small silver cup. Three cheers were given for Major Paton and Mr. May on the call of Q.M.S. Charlesworth.

RUGBY TEAM SAILS.

Hongkong's interport Rugby XV. left for Shanghai by the s.s. *President McKinley* yesterday afternoon. The first of the triangular interport matches takes place on Boxing Day, Shanghai *v.* Keio University. Hongkong's first game is against Shanghai next Monday and their other fixture is with Keio University on Wednesday.

SHORTHAND EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The following results of Pitman's Shorthand Examinations at the Italian Convent, Hongkong, and St. Mary's School, Kowloon, are announced:—

Italian Convent, Caine Road:—Theory—The Misses Kimy Barretto, Alice Guttieres, Thelma May, Celestina Xavier, Eileen Garrod, Cissy Wong, Helen Waller, Agnes Dillon, Matilda Pereira, Remigia Elatte, Ruby Simoes, Kate Sullivan, Maria L. Ozorio, Iris Guingham.

St. Mary's School, Kowloon:—The Misses Olga Remedios, Carolina Ribeiro, Albertina Garcia, Mercedes Ribeiro, Cissy Noronha, Ester Carvalho, Ena Danenberg, Gladys Sousa, Leonor Xavier, Josephine Stoppa.

WHEN HOMICIDE IS JUSTIFIABLE.

In his summing up in the Border Shooting Inquest the Coroner quoted from Halsbury the law applicable where a felon is shot to prevent his escape from justice. The quotation reads as follows:

"If a person whom an officer is legally attempting to arrest on a charge of felony flees and cannot otherwise be arrested, he may be killed and the homicide is justifiable."

This quotation gives point to the questions of fact left to the jury.

THE "TUNGCHOW" PIRACY.

SPLENDID CONDUCT OF THE OFFICERS.

PASSENGERS' APPRECIATION.

The passengers on the *Tungchow*, the story of whose ill-fated trip was fully recorded in our last issue, spent the greater part of yesterday sight-seeing in the Colony and renewing old acquaintanceships. All are loud in their praise of the splendid conduct of the officers whilst the ship was in the hands of the pirates, and on Tuesday evening after dinner, in the saloon of the *Tungchow*, they expressed the appreciation they felt in formal manner.

Mr. G. H. Woodhead, C.B.E., the Editor of the *Peking and Tientsin Times*, presented to the Chief Officer the following statement signed by all the first-class passengers on the boat:

Hongkong, December 22, 1925.

We, the undersigned, first-class passengers on the steamer *Tungchow* which was seized by Chinese pirates on her present trip, desire to place on record our appreciation:

1. Of the courage and fortitude under suffering, of the Master, Captain McIntosh;

2. Of the courage, initiative and thoughtfulness of the Chief Officer, Mr. Nisbet, the Second Officer, Mr. Scott, the Chief Engineer, Mr. Johnson, the Second Engineer, Mr. Knowles, and the Third Engineer, Mr. Bickford, who for four continuous days and nights have fulfilled their duties under the constant menace of rifles and revolvers, while themselves unarmed, could have, throughout these trying circumstances still shown constant concern for and sympathy with the passengers;

3. Of the loyalty and willingness of the Steward and his Staff, during the pirate régime.

We desire this tribute to be brought formally to the notice of the owners of this vessel and of the British Authorities.

In making the presentation, Mr. Woodhead remarked that he had never been so glad to reach a Port as he had been to reach Hongkong although, originally, he had no intention of visiting the Colony. He expressed, in a few words, the appreciation the passengers felt for all the officers had done for them.

The Chief Officer and the Chief Engineer both replied, saying that they had only done what they were paid to do. Their one satisfaction was that all the passengers and the ship had come through safely. The Chief Engineer, on behalf of the Captain, also thanked the passengers for the way in which they had rallied to the Captain's assistance.

As is known Captain McIntosh was wounded when grappling with a pirate and then fell and broke his ankle. Mrs. Emmett, one of the passengers who is a trained nurse gave him unremitting attention and, in addition, the male passengers took it in turns to keep watch during the night. Captain McIntosh was brought ashore to hospital yesterday morning. Before he left the ship the short statement made by the passengers, which is given above, was read over to him. He was obviously very much moved by the tribute and expressed his great regret that he had been out of action the whole time.

"TUNGCHOW" LEAVING TO-DAY.

The *Tungchow*, according to arrangements made last evening, was to have left at daylight this (Thursday) morning.

Yesterday the steamer, which is of 2,104 tons gross and 1,263 tons net, was towed to a buoy in the middle of the Harbour and during the day took on coal for the trip which had to be foregone owing to the intervention of piracy. The passengers are travelling by the steamer.

Yesterday her Chief Officer (Mr. T. Nisbet) had an interview with Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (the Harbour Master).

The ship carries a crew of over one hundred, the second officer being Mr. C. Scott; the chief engineer, Mr. A. Knowles; and third engineer, Mr. C. Bickford. The Chinese crew number over one hundred, and at the time of the piracy there was an equal number of Chinese passengers on board.

In addition to a haul of $30,000 worth of silver bullion, the pirates escaped with $10,000 worth of passengers' money, jewellery and personal effects.

Captain W. McIntosh (the master of the *Tungchow*), who was removed to the Peak Hospital yesterday morning, is not in a dangerous condition, although his wound is serious.

The father of Mr. William McIntosh, Master of the s.s. *Tungchow*, which was pirated last week, was Chief Engineer on the Douglas steamer *Namoa*, which was captured by Chinese pirates under similar conditions on December 10th, 1890. Old residents will recall that in the *Namoa* piracy, Captain Pocock, a passenger and one of the quartermasters were shot in cold blood and killed, while several among the officers and crew were wounded. Mr. McIntosh, the Chief Engineer, reached the captain's cabin unhurt though several shots were fired at him, and was not further molested.

THE "FRATERNITY PARTY."

TO LEAVE FOR CANTON ON SATURDAY.

An excursion party of about 350 Chinese will leave Hongkong for Canton at eight o'clock next Saturday morning on board either the s.s. *Charles Hardouin* or *Paul Beau*, returning the following Wednesday morning, December 30th. Those desiring to remain longer, at most up to January 5th, may do so, provided special arrangements are made with the Strike Committee through the proper channel, probably Mr. Wong Kwai Hi or Mr. Lui Yam Suen, honorary directors of the party.

The excursion, according to statements made at a meeting of the prospective members of the party yesterday afternoon at 188, Des Vœux Road, will have absolutely nothing to do with the coming settlement of the boycott and strike. The members of the party, while being merchants or sons or relatives of merchants having connections in Hongkong and booked for the trip through the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Traders' Association of the Districts, and the Twenty-four Guilds, do not go to Canton as official representatives of these organisations, but as individuals only. The purpose of the party, on the part of the Canton Government, is to afford an opportunity to the Kuomintang to show to the Chinese in Hongkong that Canton is not going to turn "Red," while the Strike Committee's object is that workers may explain to the visitors what they have in their minds. For the excursionists, it will be just a pleasure trip during the Christmas and New Year holidays together with a chance to transact a little business under more favourable conditions.

While in Canton, the party will be guests of the Government, the General Chamber of Commerce, the Strike Committee, and other organisations either at tea or dinner. The exact programme will not be ready for publication until perhaps the date of departure.

Mr. Kan Kum Shek, of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, a newly appointed councillor of the Canton Government, who was in the party of Canton merchants who visited Hongkong late in November, is now able to travel back and forth between the two ports presumably on business in connection with the settlement of the strike, and his arrival here last Sunday was mistaken by many to be of importance. His mission, if of any public interest at all, has been to inform the honorary directors of the coming excursion party of the preparations being made to welcome the visitors to Canton, and how glad all in Canton will be on their arrival. Mr. Kan may travel back to Canton with the excursion party. He has been asked to serve on the Canton reception committee.

ROBBERY.

HOUSE AT KOWLOON ENTERED ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

At Kowloon City on Tuesday night, between eleven and twelve o'clock, four robbers entered a house and escaped with money, jewellery and clothing to the value of $1,640.

From the report made to the police yesterday by Wong Yam Fung, a married woman, living at No. 82, Ngau Sze Wan, Kowloon City, it appears that she was asleep in a front room with her husband. She was aroused by the sound of somebody breaking open the door. Four men entered, one of whom, caught hold of her by the throat. She struggled with him and was thrown to the ground. One man mounted guard over her while the others ransacked the house and stole property to the value mentioned.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

AMAH ACCUSED OF ATTEMPT TO POISON.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a washamah in the employ of a European resident, was charged with attempting to introduce poison into the food of her master.

Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for the defence.

The defendant was alleged to have been seen with some acids of lemon, the presence of which was detected in some lobster, by the cook, as he was in the act of serving the dish at mealtime.

Inspector Cashman asked for leave to withdraw the case as he said that there was no direct evidence connecting the defendant with the offence. The analyst's report showed that the food contained 2.13 grains of salts of lemon, a fatal dose being 200 grains.

His Worship accordingly discharged the defendant.

ALLEGED SHOPLIFTERS.

RUSSIANS CHARGED AT MAGISTRACY.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Major C. Willson, two Russian women, named Daria Sramoiloff and Tamara Laskooloff, were charged with the theft of four rolls of silk, valued at $475, from the Wing On Company.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Detective Sergeant Meadows said it was a case of shoplifting. The rolls of silk were taken from a show case on the first floor at the premises of the Wing On Company. He asked for a remand for twenty-four hours, as there had been a similar case that morning in which it was suspected that two Europeans were concerned.

His Worship granted the remand.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR HENRY GOLLAN, K.C.]

THE MURDER TRIAL.

The trial of the Chinese arraigned on a charge of having murdered an Indian constable at Ngau Shi Wan was continued before the Chief Justice at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Mr. Zeitlyn, Counsel for defence, continued his cross-examination of the Chinese constable, who gave evidence on Tuesday. Asked as to the build of the man who was arrested on July 8th, witness said he was the same height at present as he was when cutting trees—(laughter.) Further questioned on this point, he said that he was about 5 feet in height, and, the girth of his chest would be about 3 feet. His legs were rather strong and big and his hair was cut in the American style. He also had a black spot on his forehead. He agreed that this was mentioned in the particulars of the reward.

Questioned as to the identification parade, he said he recognised prisoner 90 per cent., but had he been dressed in the clothes which he wore on July 8th whilst cutting trees, he would have recognised him a 100 per cent.

His Lordship: It was stated yesterday that prisoner was so dressed on one occasion, and that he was then fully recognised.

Witness said that prisoner was only paraded once, and if it had been understood that he (witness) had seen him paraded in the clothes he previously wore, he must have been misunderstood.

Witness replying to Mr. Zeitlyn agreed that at the Police Court he had stated that he recognised prisoner from 80 to 90 per cent. by the mark on his forehead.

Tse Tsau, a licenced hawker, who lived in a hut in the locality of Ngau Shi Wan, said that early on the morning of the 8th July, he was on the verandah of his hut, when he heard a police whistle blown and saw an Indian and a Chinese struggling on the hillside. A few minutes later he heard a shot fired. He could see that the Indian was dressed in khaki, but he could not see how the Chinese was clothed. He was frightened and therefore hurried to a European house some distance away, and returned with a European, who accompanied him to the place where he had seen the struggle. Arriving there they found the Indian lying on the ground wounded.

Replying to Mr. Zeitlyn, he said that the men in their struggle were rolling on the ground, and it was while they were thus struggling that he heard the shot fired.

Mr. W. Ingram, of the Hongkong Excavation and Pile Driving Co., said that on July 8th he was living at No. 2, Ngau Shi Wan village, when at 6.20 a.m. he was disturbed and told by a Chinese that there was trouble on the hill. He then went with Mr. Knopf and Mr. Rambo, who lived near, to a place on the hillside and there found the Indian constable lying on the ground. His face was covered with blood and he also had a bullet wound in his side. A stretcher was brought and he was removed.

Cross-examined he said that he gathered from what the man said, that he had been shot by a man who had been caught cutting trees.

PRISONER'S SON TAKEN AWAY.

A Chinese constable who also was at the scene of the tragedy, said that he found the revolver some distance from where the man was found.

Replying to Mr. Zeitlyn, witness said that he went with a party in charge of an inspector to the village where prisoner lived. He heard the European inspector question the wife of the prisoner. She was asked where her husband was, and she said that he had gone away. He did not hear her say that he had gone to Wong Kong Tau. The house was searched to see if the man was there. Prisoner's son was also in the house and he was asked where his father was. He did not hear the boy say that his father had gone to Wong Kong Tau, but he heard him say that his father had gone abroad. The boy was asked how long he had gone, and he said a month. He denied that when the boy failed to answer questions he was struck with a stick. They later went to several places, and the boy was with them.

Mr. Zeitlyn: He was compelled to go with you?—No; we were only taking him with us.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Did you take him to the Police Station, and was he kept there three days?—Yes.

Questioned further he denied that he said to the boy: "Your father murdered an Indian on July 6th." He agreed that the boy was taken and kept in a cell for seven days; the Inspector's instructions being that he should be watched and not be allowed to go home.

AN EMBARRASSED WITNESS.

Sub-Inspector Bloor said that he was one of the party which visited prisoner's house in Ping Shek village on July 16th. It was in the early morning. The door was opened by a small boy whom he later learnt was the son of defendant. He also saw prisoner's wife there.

Replying to Mr. Zeitlyn, witness said that he personally did not ask any questions, because Divisional Inspector Clarke was in charge of the party. Enquiries were made of prisoner's wife and son as to the whereabouts of prisoner. When they left the son was asked to accompany them. The boy was not forced to go with them. He was afterwards detained as a witness for eight days.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Against whom was he kept as a witness?—Against no particular person.

Mr. Zeitlyn: He was kept as a witness against his father?

Witness had to be pressed further before he replied, and he eventually said that they thought that he knew the whereabouts of his father.

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"DEATH BY MISADVENTURE."

JURY'S FINDING IN D. A. MORRIS ENQUIRY.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, sitting as Coroner at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, conducted an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. D. A. Morris, 3rd Engineer of the s.s. *Mau Sang*, whose body was found floating in a dock at Kowloon on December 5th.

The Jury comprised: Messrs. W. J. Edwards (foreman), G. Weber and Tung Shiu Lun.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, Medical Officer at the Kowloon Mortuary, said that on the morning of December 6th he saw the body of an adult European which was identified as Mr. D. A. Morris by Mr. J. J. Brown and Mr. W. J. Laurence. The post-mortem examination revealed that there were external injuries on the forehead and that there was an abrasion below the knee, on the shin. The condition of the lungs and heart and the contents of the stomach pointed to death being due to drowning. The remainder of the organs were healthy. Deceased was about 35 years' old. The abrasions on the forehead might have been caused by deceased tripping over a rope. It was possible that he might have been in a state of concussion, which meant that it would have been possible for him to drown without making any effort to save himself. The condition of the organs suggested that he might have been unconscious before he fell into the dock.

The Coroner then read the evidence of the Portuguese sailor (not at present in the Colony) who was the first to see the body in the Dock.

Mr. B. Wylie said that on December 5th he was dining with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan at their house, East of No. 1 Dock, when a Portuguese sailor came to the house and by signs informed them that there was a body in the Dock. Mr. Duncan and he went to the Dock and saw the body. Witness then went for the Police, who recovered the body.

Mr. W. Sanderson, Assistant Superintendent Engineer of the China Navigation Company, said that he was acquainted with the deceased. The last time he saw him was at 1 o'clock on the same day as he was drowned. He seemed cheerful; he had had no trouble with the Company and was a very respected young officer.

Mr. George Duncan corroborated Mr. Wylie's evidence.

Inspector Clark gave evidence as to recovering the body, and Mr. Laurence spoke of identifying the body at the mortuary.

The Jury brought in a verdict of "Death by misadventure."

POLICE SERGEANT'S LAPSE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Lance-Sergeant C. E. Taylor, of the Hongkong Police Force, was charged with (1) being drunk and unfit for duty on December 21st and (2) absenting himself from his station at West Point at 8 p.m. on December 22nd.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges and offered no explanation.

After hearing the evidence of Mr. D. Burlingham (D.S.P.), the Magistrate imposed a fine of $50, or three weeks' hard labour on each charge.

In answer to further questions he said that the boy was kept in a cell because there was no witness's room there, but his mother and the village schoolmaster were allowed to visit him. He did not know that Kue Wong, a Chinese constable, took the boy to his quarters. He, personally saw the boy several times during the course of the day, but he never told the boy that his father had murdered an Indian.

Asked whether he had asked the boy to make a statement, he replied in the affirmative, but being further pressed he said that he never asked him, but that the boy had made a voluntary statement, which he could not produce because it was in the files of the Police Station.

Mr. Zeitlyn requested that the statement be produced at to-day's proceedings, and His Lordship concurred.

JUDGE'S STERN CRITICISM.

His Lordship: What right had you to take this boy, and keep him in a cell?

Witness: He had plenty of food and ——.

His Lordship: Nonsense, Inspector, the boy was detained.

Inspector Bloor: He had freedom and he was well treated.

His Lordship: It is ridiculous to say that he could have gone out if he wished. He was kept in the cell and that is not a pleasant place for anyone to be in. Had you instructions to keep the boy there?

Witness: I had no instructions.

His Lordship: Then how can you tell me that you did not keep him there in order to get evidence from him?—I kept him there until he made a voluntary statement.

His Lordship: Then why did you keep him for seven days?—I could not release him until I had instructions.

His Lordship: Did you have instructions to keep him there?—No, but they knew that he was there. I had verbal instructions.

His Lordship: Is it your habit to keep witnesses in this way?—No.

His Lordship addressing the Attorney-General, said that it was utterly insupportable, and was a very serious matter and proper steps should be taken regarding it. Inspectors had no right to detain witnesses.

Inspector Bloor:—Beg pardon, my Lord.

His Lordship: I have had quite enough of you; go down.

At this stage the case was adjourned until to-day.

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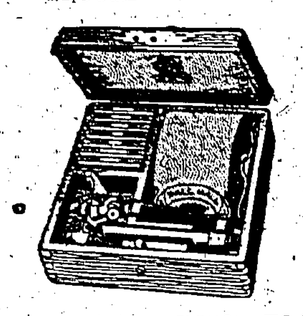

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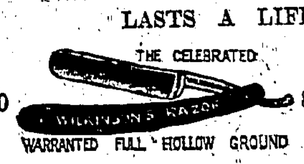
5/8-inch. ...$5.00  $5.00 ...3/4-inch.

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By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1925. [2999

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NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES and STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for KOWLOON and DISTRICT will be CLOSED to PUBLIC BUSINESS on the 1st and 2ND JANUARY, 1926.

N. R. M. SHAW,
Acting Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1925. [3001

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It is Hoped that a Good Attendance may be expected. All Ladies interested are Cordially Invited to Attend.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
2998] Hon. Secretary.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

COMPANIES' WINDING-UP
No. 5 of 1925.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHINESE PARTNERSHIPS ORDINANCE, 1911.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE KAM WING BANK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the Winding Up of the above named Firm (being a registered Chinese partnership) by the SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG was on the 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1925, presented to the said Court by KO HO NING and WONG KUNG SHAN, of No. 122, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, partners in the said Firm jointly with the HUNG HING FIRM of No. 59, Wing Lok Street, Victoria aforesaid, creditors of the said Firm. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the COURT Sitting at Victoria at 10.15 A.M. on TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1926, and any Creditor or Partner of the said Firm desirous of supporting or opposing the making of An Order on the said Petition may appear at the Time of Hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Partner of the said Firm requiring same by the Undersigned on payment of the Regulated Charge for the Same.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors for the Petitioners,
No. 9, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong.

NOTE.—Any Person who intends to appear on the Hearing of the said Petition must serve or send by Post to the above named Notice in Writing of his Intention so to do. The Notice must state the Name and Address of the Person or if a Firm or Company the Name and Address of the Firm or Company and must be signed by the Person or Firm or Company or by his or their Solicitors (if any) and must be served or if posted must be sent by Post in Sufficient Time to reach the above named Not Later Than Six O'clock in the AFTERNOON OF THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1926. [2996

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1.—To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the Resolution that the Financial Year of the Association shall extend from 1st of January to 31st of December in each year and to amend Rule 4 of the Constitution accordingly.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that The SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ASSOCIATION will be held Immediately After the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING referred to above for the following purposes:—

1.—To receive the General Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30th November, 1925.
2.—To elect the Officials for the year 1925-1926.
3.—To transact any other Business.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o LITTLE, ADAMS & WOOD.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1925. [2997

S.S. "CAPITAINE FAURE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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R. RODENFUSER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1925. [3004

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14TH to the 29TH DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2964

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25TH and 26TH INSTANT.
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MARRIAGES.

BUYERS—COLLIE.—In London, on December 12th, GEORGE ALSTON BUYERS (of Shanghai), to RACHEL VERNON COLLIE, Aberdeen.

ROSS—MURPHY.—At Shanghai, WINIFRED M. MURPHY (*née* MACTAVISH), daughter of Mrs. N. McLEISH and the late J. W. MACTAVISH, to GORDON C. ROSS, son of Mr. and Mrs. CRAIGE ROSS, of Shanghai.

TANNER—TANNER.—At Shanghai, on December 12th, FRANCIS HENRY TANNER, Portaferry Co. Down, Ireland, to CAROLINE AMELIA TANNER (C.P.C.), of Kilbrogan Bandon Co., Cork, Ireland.

DEATHS.

BERRY.—At Shanghai, on December 18th, ADA, beloved wife of S. BERRY, aged 51 years.

VAGN GJESSING.—On December 15th, near Yokohama, died accidentally.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 24TH, 1925.

THE LATEST PIRACY.

THE gang of blackguards who carried out the piratical enterprise on the *Tung Chow*, brought the steamer some seven hundred miles down the coast of China to Bias Bay, just outside the territorial waters of Hongkong, and landed there with their valuable booty, were evidently no novices at the game. Their leaders showed such an acquaintance with the duties of officers and crew, and with life generally on an ocean-going ship, that it can safely be concluded that they were experienced seamen, and the fact that they were able to keep officers, crew and passengers under strict observation for four days and nights, so that the success of their enterprise might not, by any means, be frustrated, afforded evidence of effective organisation among them. That the gang hailed from the neighbourhood of Canton their Hakka dialect sufficiently betrayed, and it would be very interesting and illuminating indeed to learn whether the gang was organised in Shanghai or travelled North in a body from Bias Bay to carry out this adventure on a ship plying in Northern waters. It would also be interesting to know what special inducement offered. It may well be supposed that the fact that the ship was carrying a certain amount of specie was well known to them; but nearly every ship on the coast does that from time to time. Can it be that they went North because the risk of such adventures in the South has become too dangerous? We should like to be assured that the precautions against piracy that have been taken in this Colony during the past few years have had such a wholesome effect on the minds of these desperadoes.

There is nothing strikingly novel about the latest piracy apart from the fact that these Hakka adventurers travelled so far from their base of operations to embark on their nefarious enterprise, and that the bringing of the ship to Bias Bay caused her to be in the hands of pirates for a longer time than pirates have remained on any ship they have previously attacked. The actual method of the piracy has become stereotyped: the *Tung Chow* is but one of several ships that have been looted in this manner in Chinese waters during the last three or four years. Whether all these attacks have been carried out by the same gang there is no evidence to show. A fairly common feature of these piracies has been that Bias Bay has been proved to be the base of operations. Several ships have been previously brought to Bias Bay by pirates, just as the *Tung Chow* was brought there, and the discreditable thing about it is that we have never heard of the recovery of a single piece of loot or of the arrest in that region of a single member of any of the gangs of pirates who have landed there from time to time. If there was any semblance of police administration in the district an end would have been put to these piracies long ago. It is true that under constant British pressure, the Chinese military authorities cleared out the district some eighteen months ago, and destroyed the "nest," but apparently they have allowed it to be re-established. After each successive piracy of the kind we have naturally indulged the hope that considerations of honour and prestige would prompt the responsible Chinese authorities to make every effort to arrest the miscreants and restore the stolen property, but past experience has proved such expectations to be futile and therefore we indulge in none now. Either these gangs are able to overawe the local officials in the same way that they intimidate the officers and crews of the ships on which they prey, or, else, the local officials work in collusion with them, or are utterly indifferent to what they do. Which of these alternatives is the correct one we do not pretend to know, but there can be no gainsaying the fact that both are equally discreditable to the higher authorities responsible for the efficient policing of a district which has been notorious for many years as a pirate den, and a base of piratical operations.

Home and Europe mail *vid* Siberia by the s.s. *Yingchow* amounts to 32 bags; while the total number of bags, including Shanghai mail, is 271.

A fine of $1,000, or in default six months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a coolie, who pleaded guilty to possession of ten taels of prepared opium.

It is stated in a Shanghai contemporary that Mrs. N. W. Hickling is confined to her bed with concussion of the brain, due to a fall from her horse, and that Mr. Wentworth is suffering from a broken collar bone.

The supposition locally that M. Paul Kremer's death was the result of typhoid fever is confirmed by the latest mail news. His death occurred at the International Hospital at Hankow, "after many days a battle against an attack of typhoid fever."

It is understood that the officers of H.M.S. *Hawkins* are giving a dance on Thursday, January 21st, 1926.—ADVT.

The management of Lee Gardens have added another attraction for their patrons by opening a dance hall. The ceremony took place last evening and was well attended. For the present ten dances will be given every Wednesday and Saturday evening between 5.30 and 7.30

Wyndham Street yesterday presented a picturesque scene. The flower stalls were literally heaped with masses of choice blooms; while Christmas trees of all sizes occupied the whole of the pathway on the opposite side of the road. A brisk trade was done by the flower and shrub vendors.

To decide whether the annual flower show should be held next year or not, a special meeting of members of the Hongkong Horticultural Society and those interested in horticulture is advertised to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, January 7th, at 5.30 p.m.

Passengers for Hongkong booked on the P. & O. s.s. *Karmala*, which left London on December 18th, are Mrs. H. Campbell, Mr. S. Crawford, Mr. Angus Campbell, Mrs. Cantrell, Miss Griffin, Mr. J. M. Hazelrigg, Mr. C. F. Holland, Rev. N. V. Holward, Miss C. J. Lambert, Mrs. A. Lance, Mr. H. C. Lowick, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Miss Richards, Mr. L. W. Rogers, Mr. F. Sutton and Miss Simpson.

Among the passengers on the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* which arrived from Manila yesterday were Mr. Adolf Frasiani (an Argentine Consul in Germany), Mrs. Frasiana, and also Mr. R. Edelstein (an Argentine Diplomat), all on a tour of the Orient. They arrived by the *Empress of Canada* last week and made the round trip to Manila and back. They left for Shanghai on the s.s. *President McKinley* yesterday afternoon.

An enjoyable dance was held in the Gymnasium at Police Headquarters last night under the auspices of the Police Recreation Club. Dancing began at 9 p.m. and was continued into the small hours of the morning, the music being supplied by an orchestra of the Brunswick Studio. Although fancy dress was optional, many of the dancers were in costumes of a varied and original character. The arrangements for the dance were made under the supervision of Sergeant Whant.

An extraordinary general meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Association is advertised to be held in the Hall of Queen's College on Wednesday next at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend the Constitution in a manner indicated in the advertisement. The sixth annual general meeting of the Association is to be held immediately after the extraordinary meeting. At the latter meeting the general committee's report and statement of accounts for the Financial Year ended November 30th will be presented and officials elected for the year 1925-26.

The case in which Mr. James Edward Atherley, formerly manager of Getz Bros. (of the Orient), Ltd., who is facing a number of charges of fraudulent conversion of sums of money belonging to the Company, was to have been commenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, but owing to the lengthy cross-examination in the murder case, the Atherley case will not now be begun until Monday to which day it was adjourned yesterday. The Attorney-General asked the Press to note for the benefit of jurors summoned that they would be expected to attend at the Supreme Court at 10.30 a.m. on Monday morning.

The corner stone of a new Customs House was laid at Shanghai last week, the ceremony being jointly performed by Mr. F. W. Maze, Commissioner of Customs and Mr. Chu Yu Chi, Superintendent of Customs. The new building, which will be nine stories high, will stand upon the site of the old building, bounded by the Bund, Hankow Road, Szechwan Road, and the private road on the north side of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Mr. E. Forbes Bothwell, of Messrs. Palmer & Turner, is the designer of the building which will be the highest on the waterfront. It is to be ready for occupation about two years hence.

A very successful children's party was given by the Peak Hotel yesterday when a large crowd of youngsters ranging in age from two and a half to 60 years, the majority, however, being under ten, were entertained to tea and a Christmas tree and had a delightfully happy time. The tea tables were laden with the good things dear to the hearts of the young folk, including a plentiful supply of bon-bons, and subsequently each child received a present from the Christmas tree together with a Christmas stocking, a basket of sweets and a balloon. Captain Walker acted the part of Father Christmas to the satisfaction of everyone concerned and Mrs. Jenkinson, the Manageress of the hotel, presided over affairs generally and worked untiringly to make the gathering the success it undoubtedly was.

PROPERTY SALE.

A sale of leasehold property, situated at Nos. 20 and 22, D'Aguilar Street, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Yan Shau Lane, was conducted, by order of the mortgagee, by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon.

The ground is registered in the Land Office as Section A of Inland Lot No. 1303, Section B of Inland Lot No. 1303 and the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 1303, together with the premises mentioned above.

Started at an upset price of $40,000, this sum was advanced by one bid of $200 to $40,200, at which figure the Yue Hing Company, of 79, Bonham Strand West, became the purchasers.

THE SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ACCEPTS RESIGNATIONS OF POLICE COMMISSIONER AND INSPECTOR.

COMPASSIONATE GRANT FOR WOUNDED AND RELATIVES OF THE KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 23rd.

The Municipal Council, in a letter to the Senior Consul dated the 21st inst., says that notwithstanding the fact that the majority of the Judges forming the Commission of Enquiry exonerate the police from blame, Mr. McEuen, Commissioner of Police, and Mr. Everson, the Inspector who was in charge of the Louza Station at the time of the shooting, had tendered their resignations.

The Council, preferring as always to take action likely to promote a settlement of the questions at issue decided to accept these resignations with an expression of appreciation of the meritorious services these officers had rendered in the past.

"The Council further desires to renew its expressions of regret at the loss of life on May 30th and as a mark of sympathy to the wounded and the relatives of those persons killed encloses a cheque for $75,000 which the Council asks you to transmit to the Chinese Foreign Commissioner for distribution among those concerned as a compassionate grant."

The Senior Consul on the 21st inst. transmitted the above to the Foreign Commissioner, adding: "I feel sure you will appreciate the friendly spirit which inspired the Council's action."

FULL REPORT AWAITED.

The Judicial Commission's Report is being released in Peking this afternoon. Owing to the interruption of communications, it is not expected in Shanghai before Christmas Day. The Council is in possession of a summary, which has not been given out.

WARFARE IN NORTH CHINA.

MUKDEN TROOPS REPORTED TO HAVE SUFFERED ANOTHER DEFEAT.

CHANG TSO LIN'S FAREWELL SPEECH.

PLANS OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, December 23rd.

A despatch to the Foreign Office from Mukden states that Kuo Sung Ling is expected completely to defeat Chang Tso Lin in a few days. In this event, the Japanese troops contemplate turning over the city to him.

If Chang's retreating soldiers appear *en route* to Mukden they will be disarmed at the entrance to the 6-mile zone.

Japanese troops are at present guarding the Western limit, but it is not expected the retreating Chinese will object to disarmament.

The Foreign Office reiterates that the Japanese will evacuate Mukden so soon as there is no danger of further fighting and so soon as a stable Government is assured.

The War Office learns from Mukden that two brigades of Kuo Sung Ling's troops attacked Chang Tso Lin's front-line at daybreak yesterday, but failed.

A subsequent general attack, however, forced the Mukden cavalry to retreat eight miles beyond Tamingtup, which Kuo's troops occupied.

CHANG'S FAREWELL.

Another message from Mukden states that Marshal Chang Tso Lin, yesterday morning, assembled his leading supporters and made a farewell speech, stating that reports from the front indicated that the enemy had just opened a decisive attack.

He said that if the Mukden forces were defeated, he would take refuge elsewhere and expressed the hope that Councillor Wang, General Yang Yu Ting and Governor Wang (of Mukden Province) would follow him; while the other Civil and Military Officials would remain in Mukden and endeavour to maintain peace and good order.

AN UNCONFORMED REPORT.

PEKING, December 23rd.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's troops claim they have captured Tientsin, but confirmation is lacking. It is nevertheless evident that they have penetrated the defending front, which is under General Li Ching Lin, a supporter of Marshal Chang Tso Lin.

FIGHTING NEAR TIENTSIN.

SHANGHAI, December 22nd.

A wireless message from Tientsin says that after heavy artillery fire from the Kuominchun (People's Army) lines, this morning, at three o'clock, they attacked in force on the whole line from Hankou village to Machang, driving General Li Ching Lin's forces back to the reserve lines between Peitsang and Hsititow.

The Chihli forces were driven back from four to five kilometres and there are indications that the Chihli defence is breaking down as they are outnumbered by three to one. Marshal Feng's forces are expected to reach Tientsin to-morrow or even to-night. However, General Li Ching Lin left for the front this afternoon to organise a last stand.

SITUATION PRECARIOUS?

TOKYO, December 22nd.

The Government is sending immediately from Port Arthur, 200 troops to Tientsin making the total garrison up to 550 men. It is stated that the situation is somewhat precarious in the Tientsin district.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STORM SWEEPS JAPAN.

HEAVY LOSSES ON LAND AND AT SEA.

TOKYO, December 22nd.

Northern Japan was swept by a storm yesterday. The losses reported include twenty fishing-boats, which capsized, and there are many fishermen missing.

In the Fukushima Prefecture, numbers of houses were destroyed and twenty people are missing at Aomori.

Forty vessels were shipwrecked, with ten casualties, at Muroran, whilst ten men and six houses were carried away by a tidal wave at Oshima in the Hokkaido.

Several deaths, casualties and damage are reported from other parts.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITAIN AND RUBBER.

AMERICAN ACCUSATIONS HELD UP TO RIDICULE.

LONDON, December 23rd.

The *Financial News* ridicules the American accusations of the British manipulation of prices of rubber. It recalls that not long ago, American manufacturers were buying at less than cost, but does not recollect any American protests at this. On the contrary, they hoped to purchase British plantations for a song.

The Stevenson scheme was so constituted that Americans could be fitted with requirements at reasonable rates, but they refused to recognise its inexorable functioning and are now paying the penalty.

EARLIER CABLES.

SOVIET AND TURKEY.

DETAILS OF TREATY SIGNED IN PARIS LAST WEEK.

Moscow, December 22nd.

The Press publishes the text of the Turco-Soviet Treaty concluded in Paris on December 17th between M. Chicherin and Tewfik Rushdi "tending to strengthen the exceptional friendship uniting Turkey and the Soviet" and stipulating that if one is attacked, the other will remain neutral in relation to the first. Each undertakes to refrain from attacking the other and will not participate in any political union or agreement with one or several third parties directed against the other contracting party, nor any similar union or agreement directed against the military or naval safety of the other party.

GOOD FOR THREE YEARS.

The agreement becomes valid, on ratification, for a period of three years. There are three protocols. The first lays down that each party reserves full freedom of action in relation to other Powers outside the limits of the obligations stipulated in the present agreement. The second sets forth "the political nature" of the union or agreement aforementioned, which comprises financial and economic agreements between any countries directed against either of the signatories. The third lays down that the parties agree to arrange parleys to fix the method of arranging possible mutual differences not adjustable diplomatically.

LATEST CABLES.

NO THREAT INTENDED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 23rd.

The Government has issued the text of the Turco-Soviet Treaty.

The Government organ *Hakumieti Millie* commenting on the Turco-Soviet Treaty, draws attention to the significance of this agreement on the morrow of the League's Mosul decision.

The paper observes, however, that it is not intended as a threat to anybody, but may be considered as a reply to the recent Security Pact which ensures to the Western States freedom of action against Oriental States.

EARLIER CABLES.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

RESUME OF THE KING'S SPEECH.

A HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

LONDON, December 23rd.

Parliament has been prorogued. The Houses will re-assemble on February 2nd, 1926.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

LONDON, December 23rd.

H. M. the King's speech, upon the prorogation of Parliament opens with a reference to the death of Queen Alexandra, and acknowledges the sympathy expressed from all parts of the Dominions and foreign countries.

It expresses pride at the warm welcome given to the Prince of Wales on his visit to South Africa, West Africa and South America, and believes that the agreements made at Locarno and signed in London will prove not only the foundation of true peace between the peoples immediately concerned but the beginning of friendly co-operation which cannot fail to be of benefit to the whole world.

It is His Majesty's heartfelt prayer that the Irish agreement will advance co-operation and strengthen goodwill in Ireland. Gratitude is expressed to all throughout the Empire who co-operated in the Wembley Exhibition, and His Majesty is sure that the increased knowledge which it has brought of the resources and activities of His people will have lasting and beneficial results. Further preferences for Empire imports would be made and other measures for the development of Empire trade are being closely considered.

MANCHESTER COTTON.

THE MASTERS' DECIDE UPON A WEEK'S STOPPAGE.

LONDON, December 22nd.

The Federation of Master Cotton-spinners Associations, at a meeting in Manchester, has unanimously decided to recommend a week's stoppage in the American section between December 24th and January 9th excluding the Christmas holidays, in view of the deplorable state of the yarn market in the American section.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

NEW SOUTH WALES SCORE EASY VICTORY.

ADELAIDE, December 22nd.

New South Wales defeated South Australia by an innings and 99 runs. The scores were:—

South Australia, 185 and 270.

New South Wales, 554.

In South Australia's first innings, V. Richardson made 59, Mailey taking six wickets for 79 runs. In the second innings, Gunn scored 59 and V. Richardson 61. Gregory took four wickets for 75 runs and Kellaway three wickets for 57.

For New South Wales, Macartney scored 112, Andrews 63, Taylor 95, Kippax 58 and Gregory 68. Scott captured five wickets for 117 runs.

OPIUM IN PERSIA.

LEAGUE COMMISSION ON VISIT TO TEHERAN.

GENEVA, December 22nd.

The League of Nations has received the acceptance of the American, Mr. Frederick Delano, as Chairman of the Opium Commission to Persia. Mr. Delano, accompanied by British and French colleagues, is proceeding to Teheran and expects to complete his investigation and report to the Council in June. It is understood that Mr. Delano will be instructed to ascertain whether Turkey will attempt to corner the opium production in the event of Persia's abandoning it.

EARLIER CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WORLD DISARMAMENT.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE IS NOW STUDYING THE QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, December 22nd.

President Coolidge is drawing up a reply to the invitation to the United States to attend a preliminary discussion on disarmaments. It is stated at the White House that his study of the question is "of a constructive and affirmative nature."

Senator King has introduced a resolution in the Senate in favour of authorising the United States to participate in the disarmament conference.

OIL IN MEXICO.

PETROLEUM BILL IS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT.

MEXICO CITY, December 22nd.

Parliament has passed the Petroleum Bill which gives the Government inalienable dominion over all gas, oil and mineral deposits. The Bill is not retrospective.

OBITUARY.

MR. F. MUNSEY.

NEW YORK, December 22nd.

The death has occurred of the publisher Mr. Frank Munsey.

[Mr. Frank Andrew Munsey was born in Maine in 1854. Starting his business career in a country store, he later became manager of the Western Union Telegraph office. In 1882 he went to New York and commenced his career as a publisher, starting the *Golden Argosy*, a juvenile weekly. In 1889 he launched *Munsey's Weekly*, afterwards known as *Munsey's Magazine;* and latterly he also owned the *Argosy, All-Story Weekly, New York Mail, Sun*, and *Globe*, and *Evening Telegram*. He wrote several books between 1887 and 1894.]

DIVORCE LAW AND DOMICILE.

ANOTHER SHANGHAI CASE.

BRITISH SUBJECT'S EMPHATIC PREFERENCE FOR CHINA.

In the British Supreme Court, at Shanghai, on December 15th, the Acting Judge (Mr. G. W. Wing) heard an undefended suit for divorce by Mrs. Bertha Manners against Major C. M. Manners. Mr. M. Reader Harris appeared for petitioner and Mr. Tycho Wing held a watching brief.

—Respondent, examined by Mr. Reader Harris on the matter of domicile, stated that he had been in China over 20 years. He went Home on the outbreak of the war an served throughout the period of hostilities in various countries. He was in China on a War Office mission at the conclusion of the war. Subsequently he became interested in a newly-formed company and in 1920 he went Home for about two months in order to consolidate the company's position in Europe and America. He had not been Home since then. He was born in England, but since coming to the Far East his intention throughout the 20 years of his residence had been to make his home in China.

The Judge: You understand what is meant by domicile of origin? Yours would be English?—Yes.

And you want to acquire a Chinese domicile?—Yes.

It has nothing to do with your nationality and you still remain English. You understand that?—Oh, yes, but since I have been here I have never had any intention to live anywhere except in China.

Would that intention be likely to change if anything should come out of the Extraterritoriality Commission? The abolition of extraterritoriality would not affect your intention, even though British subjects then would come under Chinese jurisdiction?—No.

Mrs. Manners said that they were married at the British Consulate in March, 1909, and lived together until October, 1922. Her husband repeatedly had said that he intended to stay in China and that he would not think of going Home to live.

The Judge said he considered domicile had been proved and the case might proceed. It was permissible for a person to make a change from his domicile of origin.

The only witnesses for the plaintiff were the assistant manager of the Hotel Parisien and respondent's houseboy, who gave evidence as to Major Manners's relations with a woman unknown.

The Judge said that he considered the evidence sufficient and he granted a *decree nisi*.

LOCAL SPORT.

BOXING.

MORRIS GAINS DECISION OVER CARTRIDGE.

A POOR FIGHT.

[BY CADOGYDD.]

At last night's boxing tournament, the 15-round contest between C.P.O. Jim Cartlidge and Stoker Morris, H.M.S. *Hermes*, was one of the poorest that could ever be seen. It was a perpetual clinch; there was little clean fighting, and the crowd were disgusted. The decision went to Morris, and never could a decision be more popularity received. From the commencement the crowd were against Cartlidge, and they were of the opinion that he was responsible for all the clinching.

I was disgusted with the fight, but I say without hesitation, without fear or favour that the decision was a wrong one. It should have been a draw. In the beginning, Cartlidge was prone to fall into clinches, but Morris was also very much to blame. It is preposterous to state that a boxer cannot withdraw himself from clinches. Morris could have done so often, but he refused to take advantage of his opportunity. He was far from being superior, and blows which the crowd imagined came in contact with Cartlidge's body more often than not struck his arms. Morris missed more often than Cartlidge, but the punches which landed were cleaner and harder. The crowd were unsportsmanlike, unfair, and vituperative. Both men were good as each other, and there was not sufficient difference in their fighting to merit the decision going to Morris. He tried his hardest to knock Cartlidge out, but never came within an ace of doing so. The crowd were very pleased with the decision, but they showed their favouritism for Morris prior to, and during the fight.

The other fights were excellent, clean, vigorous, and often scientific.

The following fights were all scheduled for 6 rounds:

HILLS *v.* BOWLES.

Featherweights.—Marine Hills (128 lbs.), H.M.S. *Hermes*, and Dmr. Bowles (128 lbs.), East Surrey Regt., met in a six-round featherweight contest. Both men were conspicuous with left leads and in the early stages of the first round the *Hermes* boy was superior. Just before the round ended he was shaken, and as the gong went he was floored with a nasty right. He came up for the second round rather groggy and was soon sent to the boards. He rose and fought back gamely but he was all but spent and Bowles had no difficulty in knocking him out.

MAJOR *v.* GARDNER.

Featherweights.—H. Major (124 lbs.), Hongkong, met A.B. Gardner (126 lbs.), H.M.S. *Hermes*. Both were cautious at the beginning. In his rushes in the first round Major left himself open and occasionally received a nasty left. In the open Gardner was superior, but Major was stronger in in-fighting. Major succeeded in getting home some heavy body blows in the second round, but Gardner used telling left leads and jabs and was superior in ringcraft. A slashing third round saw matters fairly even. Gardner managed to block the hardest of Major's blows, and again used his left to advantage. Gardner increased his lead in the fourth round. He seemed to use his left as he liked. Major beaten, as far as boxing was concerned, seemed all out for a knock-out, and this was his only chance of winning. He fought vigorously in the fifth round and got home a good right, to the jaw, and some good rights to the body. But Gardner piled points up by virtue of his left hand. Major got the better of the last round. The fight was vigorous and clean. Gardner won.

BAKER *v.* EMERSON.

Lightweights.—L.S. Baker (140 lbs.), H.M.S. *Hermes*, *v.* L. T. Emerson (142 lbs.), H.M.S. *Marazion*. Emerson had the better of the first round. He caused Baker to miss occasionally. Baker was very aggressive in the second round, but was once unpleasantly surprised when rushing into the crouching Emerson he was sent back with a simultaneous left and right to the jaw. A gruelling third round saw Baker punished at the beginning, but he came back strongly, and as the round ended, Emerson was weak. The fourth round was none the less fierce. Both men landed often, but Emerson appeared to be the cleaner hitter. Baker, was superior in the next round, and punished his opponent badly. Emerson seemed tired. A "hammer and tongs" last round, and the decision was a draw. This was the only decision possible.

JACKSON *v.* MORRELL.

Welterweights.—A.B. Jackson (145 lbs.), H.M.S. *Hawkins*, *v.* Stoker Morrell (155 lbs.), H.M.S. *Hawkins*. Jackson kept away as if fearing attack, and Morrell was aggressive. He was easily ahead in the first round, but had not marked his opponent. Jackson stood up and fought his man in the second round, made him miss widely and got home a number of blows. Morrell swung widely. In the third round Morrell got home several times, but was warned for using the open glove. He had the better of the exchanges. Jackson fought cleanly in the third round and in boxing was far superior. His blows lacked power, but his right lead played continually on Morrell's jaw. Morrell attacked in the fifth round, but he seldom seemed to use a clean punch. Jackson was content to box his man, and used right and left jabs. The sixth round was well fought. Jackson again boxed and received a well-merited decision in his favour. He is a nice boxer, and as I said before as long as Morrell keeps to swinging he will never be successful.

PEARCE *v.* MILLER.

Middleweights.—A.B. Pearce (139 lbs.), H.M.S. *Hawkins*, *v.* A.B. Miller (182 lbs.), H.M.S. *Hermes*. In the earlier stages of the fight the men seemed to be toying with each other, until in the second round the referee told them that they must fight. Pearce then became very aggressive, and Miller tried to box his opponent. Miller got in some clean punches in the third round, but Pearce was untiring and seemed the stronger. He hit hard and often in the fourth round and wearied his opponent. Miller, however, got home some neat left jabs. In the fifth round Miller neatly dodged Pearce on two occasions, but for the most part he was being worn down with heavy body blows. The last round was well contested and Pearce won.

BARBER *v.* VALENTINE.

Lightweights.—Pte. Barber (150½ lbs.), East Surrey Regt., *v.* A.B. Valentine (143 lbs.), H.M.S. *Hermes*. There was little that was spectacular about the first round. Barber generally rushed in and swung erratically. Valentine boxed to advantage. In the second round, Valentine made his opponent look silly at times, by virtue of his clever footwork. Valentine was cool; Barber wild. The third round created much laughter, owing to the comicality of Barber's fighting. With head bent, he would rush in and lash out wildly, trying to overpower his opponent who was too lithe and skilful to await him. In the fourth round, he did, however, get one smashing blow home on his opponent's jaw. Barber was very aggressive in the last two rounds, but at the end of the sixth round he received some nasty jabs. Barber was given the decision, no doubt, owing to his aggressiveness.

THE BIG FIGHT.

CARTLIDGE *v.* MORRIS.

Cartlidge was the first to enter the ring and he was greeted with moderate cheers. Morris soon followed and the cheers were louder. Both men seemed confident.

Round 1.—Clinches characterised this round and both men smashed heavily to the body. Cartlidge was warned for holding, and once missed with a swing. On the whole the round was evenly fought.

Round 2.—Cartlidge attacked and a clinch followed. Morris got home with a right to the jaw. Clinches were then prevalent and the referee separated the men twice. This was Cartlidge's round.

Round 3.—Cartlidge opened with two hard rights to the body and followed up with a left to the jaw. Clinches again followed. As the round ended, Morris got home some good punches. Again the honours went narrowly to Cartlidge.

Round 4.—Morris led with his left and Cartlidge replied with his right. There was little fighting in the open, and the clinches were more of a wrestle than fighting.

Round 5.—This round was a continual clinch. Some body blows were given in the in-fighting, but no real boxing was seen.

Round 6.—The fight opened out a little. Morris got home with left swings and Cartlidge with body blows. Before the round ended clinches again took place, and the crowd were becoming critical.

Round 7. This round was a wrestle.

Round 8.—Morris sent a nasty right to the jaw and a clinch followed. Morris again followed up with body blows. Cartlidge sent a left to the jaw, and slashed to the body. This was a good round, and the honours were even.

Round 9.—The referee had again to separate the men. In the clinches both men hit hard. One could not differentiate as to who was to blame.

Round 10.—Morris got home to the head with a hard right. The inevitable clinch again followed and both men hung on to each other and slammed in blows to the body.

Round 11.—Twice in this round the men had to be separated. Both men led in turn. Morris succeeded at times with his downward right and left leads. Cartlidge was not slow to reply, but the honours went to Morris.

Round 12.—Cartlidge got home some good blows in this round and Morris hung on. This was easily Cartlidge's round.

Round 13.—Morris essayed some nastly lefts but just missed the mark. Blows that were intended for the body often only reached Cartlidge's arms. Cartlidge defended well, and landed home occasionally.

Round 14.—Morris got home with a nasty right, and, after a breakaway, rushed in and again sent home his right. A fierce tussle ensued both boxers hitting hard even when the referee called "breakaway." This was Morris's round.

Round 15.—The round began with the usual clinch. Morris missed twice and then got home. It was a poor round, Morris being superior.

Morris was declared the winner. The decision was tumultuously received.

Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, sentenced a rickshaw coolie to one month's hard labour for the theft of a letter bag containing bank papers and fourteen days on a charge of failing to report to the police, the sentences to run concurrently.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is claiming from the United States Shipping Board and the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. in the U.S. Court for China at Shanghai, a sum of Tls. 2,108.50, for damage done to their wharf at Hongkew by the s.s. *President Pierce*.

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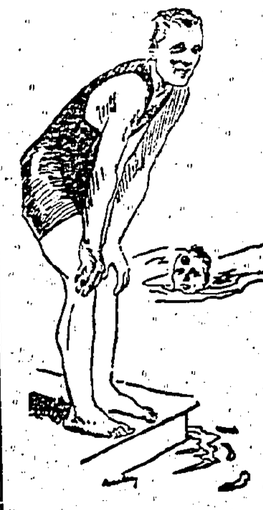

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For Hongkong Observatory, December 23rd.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Day at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.23	30.25	30.22
Temperature ...	68	60	66
Humidity ...	86	65	66
Wind Direction...	E	E	E
" Force ...	3	2	3
Weather	B	C	C
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 22nd ... 70
Lowest open-air Temperature on 23rd ... 60

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 24th to 30th, 1925.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	24	m 4 33	5 3	m 10 55	2 4
		6 2 a	5 7		
Fri.	25	m 5 56	4 9	m 0 7	3 4
		6 38 a	6 2	m 11 42	2 7
Satur.	26	m 7 9	4 8	m 1 14	2 7
		7 9 a	6 6	0 24 a	2 9
Sun.	27	m 8 13	4 7	m 2 4	2 2
		7 39 a	7 0	1 1 a	3 1
Mon.	28	m 9 8	4 5	m 2 46	1 6
		8 10 a	7 2	1 38 a	3 2
Tues.	29	m 9 56	4 4	m 3 25	1 3
		8 41 a	7 4	2 9 a	3 3
Wed.	30	m 10 41	4 4	m 4 3	1 1
		9 11 a	7 5	2 41 a	3 3

PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT: ISABEL RAMSAY.]

PARIS, November 3rd.

It is remarkable to what an extent gold is being worn this season. This must be a reaction against the monotony and hardships of post-war conditions and represent more a psychological need of the moment than a mere passing whim of fashion. Apart from the gold and silver lamé dresses that have, of course, been favourites of the fashion world for a year or more, one comes across touches of gold at every turn. At the theatre the other day when the matinée First Performance of a play, that has since become the fashionable rage of Paris, was being given, I noticed a well-known actress wearing a plain white crêpe de Chine, frock, the only trimming of which was a deep band of gold lamé laid across the front width at the hem, and deep bands edging the long collar-scarf that she would round her neck and allowed to hang down in unequal lengths at the back. Another well-known personality in the social world wore a plain blue crêpe Marocain frock pleated into tiny knife pleats from neck to hem, and of this, also, the only trimming was a collar of figured lamé brocade. There are now gold suede belts for wear with plain, dark-coloured dresses and the latest novelty of all are the black glacé kid gloves that are finished with gauntlet cuffs of gold leather, either plain or perforated and showing a picot edge. A variation of this idea is the black glacé kid glove that is finished with a band of gold leather, not quite an inch wide equipped at one end with a buckle and at the other with eyelets, so that the glove straps round the wrists. Both these models are very effective and are being much worn just now.

"THE STRAIGHT SLIM SILHOUETTE."

The methods to which tailors and dressmakers are resorting to create skirts that produce the straight slim silhouette and yet are sufficiently wide for walking and dancing movement, are many and various. Pleats, of course, are their great stand-by. Most dresses fit tightly round the hips, but from here they flow out discreetly, the ways in which they flow being many. There is the skirt fitted with panels of deep pleats, closely stitched a little way down and then set free. There is the gusset skirt into which pointed insertions are let from the hem to the waist, commencing, of course, with the broad part at the hem and tapering this away to a mere nothing when it reaches the waist line. There is the pleated skirt, and this is rendered more practicable on account of a new method of pleating which guarantees the pleats will not come out. Then, there is the skirt that is cut on the cross which flows naturally. This skirt is the most difficult of all to make, for, if cut too full, it looks clumsy. The flow should be hinted at rather than exaggerated. Skirts of this description, too, must be really short, otherwise they are apt to look dowdy. Coats that are worn over them should be long and flow in a line to harmonise with the skirt. Another idea is to let in fullness by means of plaids, ribs and stripes of the same material but cut on a cross grain so that curious patterned effects are obtained. Pockets are decorated in the same way and shape is given to the entire garment, whether it be skirt or frock.

CRETONNE PARASOLS.

The beaches and fashionable mountain and country resorts have been brilliant this year as a result of the bright-coloured cretonne parasols that have been all the rage. Some of them looked like great tropical flowers, others, like post-impressionist pictures, but all were charming and suggestive of youth and long summer afternoons lazed away on a beach or stretched out in a punt. They are still to be seen at La Baule, Dinard and other resorts that remain open during an Autumn season, and usually figure as a foil to a plain white or cream frock, or else a coloured frock chosen to match the dominant colour in the pattern of the parasol. Another idea is to wear a white frock and a coloured suede belt to match the dominant shade in the parasol, and, one wishes to carry the ensemble idea to its utmost limit of detail, one has the cushions of one's houseboat or punt, made of the same cretonne as one's frock. The line is drawn, however, at having a dress made of the same cretonne, as it is felt that the effect would be banal and overdone. The shape that has been chosen by makers for these cretonne parasols is the flat Japanese type, and, so that they shall be serviceable and easy to carry, they are fitted with light, ornamental wood handle. With some the bold designs of the cover are outlined in black stitching, and a still more decorative effect thus obtained.

GARTER LOOP FOR HANDKERCHIEF.

Since fashion decided to do away with pockets in women's clothes, life for many of us has consisted in solving the problem of where to carry that vital necessity of life—a handkerchief, and we have solved the problem mostly by losing it. The latest invention for conserving it is the garter, of all places. The new models which have been designed for wear with the knee-length skirts are made of silk to match the colour of one's frock, and each garter is provided with a tight elastic loop through which to pass one's handkerchief. When not actively in use, the handkerchief serves as a kind of decoration to the garter. So, for once at least, it has been demonstrated that an object can be both useful and decorative.

BOXING IN ENGLAND.

NEW ACTION BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

[BY TREVOR C. WIGNALL.]

It is understood that the British Board of Boxing Control, having proved by its first big effort that it is strong enough and determined enough to exercise control, will shortly take steps to put professional fighting in this country on the same regulated footing as that which it is on in the United States.

An attempt will be made to register every boxer, manager, promoter, and second in Great Britain, and in addition it is probable that every promoter will be called on to file with the board the exact financial details of his ventures.

This means that he will be compelled to publish the proceeds of his tournaments, as well as the precise amount of the purses.

As it has long been a complaint that spectators are invariably kept in the dark about these matters, this must be considered a move in the right direction. It is the custom in the United States for the newspapers to announce on the morning following a big fight the number of persons present, the full takings, and the sums handed over to the boxers, but in Great Britain this has not once been done since pugilism became popular.

As a matter of fact, no one, save those immediately interested, has been able to tell whether a fight was financially successful or a failure. This naturally has led to the circulation of rumours that have done more harm than good.

THE LION'S SHARE.

I remember, for example, that when Carpentier fought "Kid" Lewis at Olympia in 1922 it was stated that the receipts totalled nearly £60,000. This was exaggeration, for the amount taken was only a little over £30,000. The lion's share went to Carpentier, but Major Arnold Wilson once assured me that he did not carry out of the country anything like the fortune he was generally believed to have made by his one minute of fighting.

All this came back to my mind the other night when I was reading Mr. C. B. Cochran's book, "Secrets of a Showman." Several chapters are devoted to boxing, and Mr. Cochran for the first time has given facts about his gains and losses. The statements made about the takings at Holborn Stadium and Olympia struck me as particularly interesting.

The first Beckett-Wells contest in 1919 drew a gate of £3,344 2s., and each man was paid £600. Years earlier for beating Colin Bell Wells received £1,200. Jack Bloomfield—then known as Corporal J. Blumenfield—for his début against "Dusty" Smith at the Holborn Stadium in 1919 was given £20; while Jimmy Wilde for defeating Alf Mansfield at the same place was guaranteed £1,000. Mansfield got £125, but the total receipts on this occasion amounted only to £1,000 1s.

HUGE TAKINGS.

Frank Goddard when he met Beckett at Olympia in 1919 received £2,000, Beckett being paid £2,500. The entire purse money on this night, which included £15 to Bloomfield for meeting Harry Drake, was nearly £5,000, but the proceeds were £8,001 7s. "At the Wilde-Moran contest in the same year the takings were £14,205 8s. 6d., and Wilde received 60 per cent. of a gate of £5,000 and also won a side stake of £500.

The purse for the Beckett-McGoorty fight was £2,000, of which 60 per cent. went to Beckett. The gate yielded £18,680 14s. Wells and Jack Curphey, a little later shared a purse of £800, while Fred Fulton and Gordon Coghill, who fought before a "house" representing less than £1,000, divided a purse of £800. The Wells-Townley match drew £1,745, Wells, on a percentage, earning £810 and Townley £250; but three days earlier Johnny Basham and Matt Wells, at the Holborn Stadium, could attract only £1,090. Between them they were paid £700.

The first Beckett-Carpentier fight at the Holborn Stadium resulted in nearly £30,000 being taken at the gates. It will be recollected that on that remarkable evening 25 guineas was charged for ringside seats and 5 guineas for standing room. Carpentier was paid £5,000 for his 73 seconds of boxing and Beckett £3,000. After this victory Carpentier signed with Mr. Cochran to meet Dempsey for £20,000, but this was later increased to £40,000. He actually received when he did fight Dempsey nearer £60,000.

£12,000 RETURNED.

When Goddard met McGoorty in 1920 the receipts were £2,253 12s., but Frank Moran and Tom Cowler only drew £408. In the same week the takings at the Bombardier Wells-McGoorty fight were £2,505. "Kid" Lewis was paid £500 for defeating Johnny Bee (receipts £1,277 1s.), and the second fight between Beckett and Wells had a gathering that paid £15,000 for admission.

"Until I brought Beckett from obscurity," says Mr. Cochran, "he rarely or ever received a larger sum than £100. For beating Wells he received £3,000, but in accepting the match he had agreed to meet either Willie Meehan, Bob Devore, Frank Moran, or Frank Goddard for a guarantee of £2,000, win, lose, or draw."

Explaining his retirement from boxing Mr. Cochran states that the last straw was the postponement of the Wilde-Pete Herman fight. He was forced to return £12,000 worth of seats sold in advance.

(*Continued at foot of next Column.*)

He emphasises that his retirement was not due to financial losses; he was unable to make the Stadium pay with weekly matches, but he never lost money on "star" fights at that hall or at Olympia.

"As a promoter of professional boxing," he concludes, "I had been compelled, purely by the conduct of the boxers, continually to postpone matches or cry them off. No boxer ever gave as his reason that he had cold feet, or that by side-stepping a match with an opponent, who looked better than he thought he was when he signed, he would lose an opportunity of some easy money to follow. The worst offenders had been Beckett, McGoorty, and finally Herman."

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IN A SINKING SUBMARINE.

THRILLING WAR STORY.

OUT OF CONTROL UNDER ENEMY'S NOSE.

Commander H. G. Stoker, D.S.O., R.N. (Ret.) writing in a London paper says:—

I have experienced a situation, similar in all respects except its end, to an "ordinary submarine accident"—such as M 1 has probably now suffered. The incident is described in "Straws in the Wind," whose publishers, Messrs. Herbert Jenkins, Ltd., kindly permit me to retell it.

It was in AE 2 during the war. The submarine was diving easily and comfortably at a depth of 50 feet; not a suspicion of impending disaster lay in our minds.

Suddenly, and for no accountable reason, the boat started rising rapidly in the water. We were in the presence of enemy ships, and so it was essential we should not come to the surface. But all effort at regaining control proved futile, the diving rudders had not the slightest effect towards bringing the boat back to the horizontal position or stopping her rising in the water.

We increased the motors to full speed in order to give the rudders their maximum power and shifted water ballast forward as quickly as possible, but still she continued to rise, and at last broke surface.

DIVING FROM SHOTS.

Through the periscope I saw an enemy torpedo-boat a bare 100 yards off, firing hard. At all costs we must get under again at once. I ordered one of the forward tanks to be flooded, and a few minutes later the submarine took an inclination down by the bows and slipped under water.

Closing off the forward tank and stopping the movement of water ballast from aft to forward, we endeavoured to catch her at 50 feet, but now again the diving rudders seemed powerless to right her, and with an ever-increasing inclination down by the bows she went to 60 and then 70 feet, and was obviously quite out of control.

Water ballast was expelled as quickly as possible, yet down and down she went—80ft., 90ft., and 100ft. Here was the limit of our depth gauges; when that depth was passed she was still sinking rapidly—blindly, for us, as we could not tell to what depths she was reaching.

As a last desperate chance I ordered full speed astern on the motor.

In a few moments—moments in which death seemed close to every man—there came a cry from the coxswain: "She's coming up, sir!" and the needle of the depth gauge seemed to jerk itself reluctantly away from the 100ft. limit mark and then rise rapidly.

DOWN AGAIN.

The amount of water expelled from the ballast tanks had now made the boat light, so with increasing speed she jumped to the surface and remained there an appreciable time. While I attended to the reflooding of the tanks another officer looked through the periscope. He reported the enemy pressing us hard.

Under we must get again—and away we went with the same terrible inclination, down by the bows, this time expelling water ballast immediately she began to dive in desperate attempts to regain control. But down and down she went, faster even than before, 60ft., 80ft., and 100ft.

The inclination down by the bows became more and more pronounced—she seemed to be trying to stand on her nose. Eggs, bread, food of all sorts, knives, forks, plates, came tumbling forward from the petty officers' mess. Everything that could fall over fell; men, slipping and struggling, grasped hold of valves, gauges, rods, anything to hold them up in position to their posts.

Full speed astern again. A thousand years passed—well, this time we were gone for ever. In Heaven's name what depth were we at? Why did not the sides of the boat cave in under the pressure and finish it?

THE LAST DIVE.

And then, once again, that fateful needle jumped back from its limit-mark, and AE 2 rushed stern-first to the surface. This time the enemy made no mistake. Shortly afterwards AE 2 slid away on her last and longest dive.

Ten years' brooding on the problem has never offered me a satisfactory reason for the original loss of control in AE 2.

In M 1 a similar loss of control most probably occurred, but with such results that no desperate chance was offered the captain of literally pulling back out of the jaws of death.

*** AE 2 was destroyed in the Dardanelles despite the most gallant conduct of her crew, who were saved.

IMPOSITION OF A BETTING TAX.

QUESTION RAISED IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

The question of the institution of a betting tax was revived by the House of Lords agreeing on December 1st to a resolution suggesting the Government should consider the matter.

Lord Newton, in moving the resolution, estimated the annual turnover of off-course betting at two hundred millions sterling.

Lord Plymouth said the Government was ready to explore any avenue of new revenue, but an analogy with the Dominions was unfair, as betting there was restricted to the racecourse. The estimated revenue raiseable during the first year would not exceed three millions sterling.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

STEWART'S FIRST REVERSE.

TWO LEAGUE LEADERS DEFEATED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, November 18th.

In the West frost stopped Rugby, and in the East it was doubtful till almost the last moment whether the big game between Heriot's and Stewarts would go on. Opinion was inclined to favour Heriot's, more on account of their match-winning proclivities than for any confidence that they were the better team. Heriot's, as they have so often done before, rose to the occasion, and, after losing the lead, held to their task until they came out victorious. There was little more than the two points between the teams, and Heriot's deserved their victory, if for nothing else than the cohesion of their backs. Stewart's had the better all round pack. There is a touch of the old Scottish game about their work in the open, and the Heriot defence was often sore put to it to keep them out. Watsonians appear to have turned the corner. Glasgow Academicals got a fright lately, and now Edinburgh University was completely mastered. Watsonians played finer football than in all their other games combined this season. Hawick made a welcome reappearance in Edinburgh, and were full value for their win over the Wanderers. They were better all round, even at forward, the Wanderers strong division. Principal results:—

Heriot's (F.P.), 11; Stewart's College, 9.
Watsonians, 29; Edinburgh University, 3.
Edinburgh Wanderers, 3; Hawick, 6.
Edinburgh Institution, 19; Kelvinside Acads., 5.
Loretto, 9; Fettes College, 22.
United Services, 32; London Scottish, 19.
Cambridge University, 25; Glasgow Acads., 24.

The Glasgow Academicals played fine football against Cambridge University, but were beaten in the last minute by the determination of the Cantabs, who lasted splendidly, despite their hard match against Blackheath two days previously. At one point in the second half Cambridge were 15 points behind. This is Glasgow Academicals' first defeat since December last, when Cambridge University at New Anniesland easily defeated a team greatly weakened by the absence of players taking part in a Scottish International trial.

THE LEAGUE STRUGGLE.

The defeats of the two leaders in the Scottish League on the same day may lead to an early rearrangement of the Championship table. Both clubs maintain their high places, but neither has now a definite lead, as relatively Celtic are equal with St. Mirren and ahead of Motherwell. The defeat of St. Mirren by a club so far down the list as St. Johnstone occasioned little surprise, for it was obvious in some of their preceding games that the Paisley team had lost some of their form. They indeed had lost touch and confidence in recent games, in three of which no forward had scored. Motherwell encountered their second defeat of the season, and while they were inferior to Heart of Midlothian, they were also unfortunate in losing early the services of one of their half-backs through injury. The best result of the week was again returned by Celtic, who, after losing first goal against Raith Rovers at Kirkcaldy, won by 2-1. Celtic's football was again first class, and for the present the Parkhead combination is moving with a steadiness and power that no other competitor is rivalling. Airdrieonians improved on recent displays, and won their game against Dundee by a solid margin of three goals, after losing the first goal. Rangers also reduced the gap between them and the top markers by defeating Cowdenbeath with ease.

Heart of Midlothian, 3; Motherwell, 1.
Hamilton Acads., 1; Hibernians, 0.
Airdrieonians, 4; Dundee, 1.
Clydebank, 2; Falkirk, 3.
Dundee United, 2; Aberdeen, 0.
Morton, 2; Queen's Park, 0.
Partick Thistle, 2; Kilmarnock, 4.
Raith Rovers, 1; Celtic, 2.
Rangers, 3; Cowdenbeath, 0.
St. Johnstone, 1; St. Mirren, 0.

SCOTLAND BEATS IRELAND.

The Inter-League match between Ireland and Scotland at Belfast was little more than a farce, and the fact that Gallacher scored five of Scotland's seven goals "off his own" indicates how easy was the task of the visitors. It was a case of football artistry against determined stuff; but, whereas the Scots passed and repassed and displayed all the attributes of a sweetly running machine, the Irish moves were crude and ill-conceived. The Irishmen were simply outclassed, but they managed to score 3 goals.

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL.

The Queen's Park club have written to the Scottish F.A. promising their full support for Amateur International matches with England. It is, therefore, expected that a test match between the pick of the English and Scottish Amateurs will be arranged in the New Year. Scottish amateur players in London teams will be eligible for places in Scotland's eleven, and it is fully expected that when Amateur internationals between England and Scotland are commenced, such players as W. Barr, J. McCree, D. May, and W. McGeorge, of London Caledonians, will be called upon to assist Scotland, who, with J. Gibbs, W. Wiseman, J. Gilbert, W. Barr, R. Gillespie, R. Moreland, J. McCree, D. May, R. Barr, J. McAlpine, W. McGeorge and several other players available, will have an even chance of beating the strongest England Amateur side.

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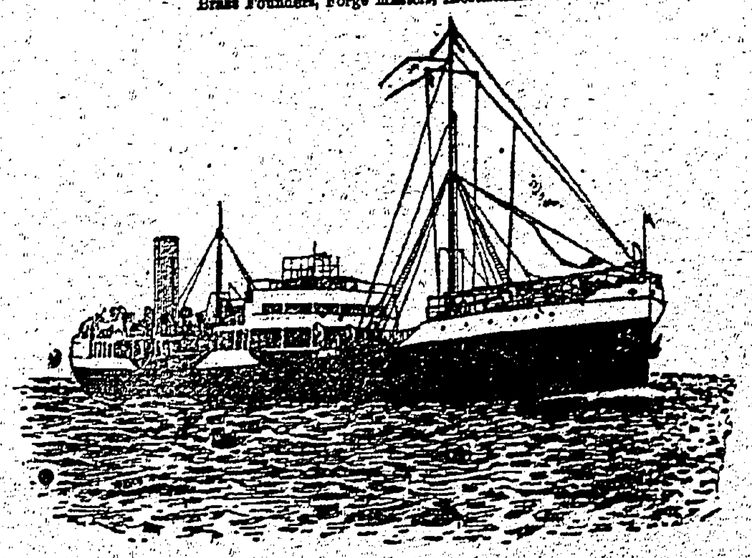

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Van Overstraten, Dutch str., 2,836 tons, Capt. H. Shinter, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—J.C.J.L.

December 23rd.

Changsha, British str., 2,260 tons, Capt. A. M. Frame, from Melbourne, with frozen and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6.—B. & S.

Chung Hing, Chinese str., 249 tons, Capt. Leung Sau Kong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—Hong On S.S. Co.

Empress of Canada, British str., 12,811 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—C.P.R.

Mowil, Norwegian str., 1,351 tons, Capt. L. H. Stringer, from Saigon, with general cargo and rice, lying at buoy No. C41.—Yuen Shing Fat.

Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. Harada, from Singapore, with 484 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Sunli, Portuguese str., 440 tons, Capt. G. A. de Souza, from Macao, with a general cargo, lying at Shamshuipo.—Nam Fat Co.

Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. G. R. Mills, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Taikwa Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. I. Miyasaki, from Keelung and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Wanchai.—O.S.K.

Tango Maru, Japanese str., 6,893 tons, Capt. G. Shinomiya, from Nagasaki, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. H. J. Coersen, from Haiphong, lying at Taikoktsui.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 23rd.

Amakusa Maru, for Swatow.
Batavia, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Cheungshing, for Chefoo.
Chinkiang, for Haiphong.
Ginzan Maru, for Tsingtao.
Kwang Chow, for Amoy.
Poo Sang, for Kwang Chow Wan.
President McKinley, for Shanghai.
Seattle Maru, for Kobe.
Suiyang, for Swatow.
Takada, for Amoy.
Tango Maru, for Manila.
Vulcanus, for Amoy.
Yutshing, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Changsha*, on December 23rd:—Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Mr. A. Murphy, Master Ying Fong.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kashgar* left Shanghai for this port on the 22nd inst. at 3 p.m., and is due at Hongkong to-morrow about 7 a.m.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 41, of which 22 were British.

For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were fourteen arrivals, seven being British, one American, two French, one Norwegian, one Dutch, one Japanese and one Chinese. The departures for the same period numbered seven.

The arrivals for the above period were the s.s. *Kingyuan* (Br.) from Bangkok and Hoihow with 2,210 tons of rice, timber and general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Changsha* (Br.) from Melbourne and Manila with 605 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Ho Sang* (Br.) from Kobe and Amoy with 1,380 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Ting Sang* (Br.) from Haiphong and Hoihow with 2,474 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Takada* (Br.) from Calcutta and Singapore with 2,040 tons of general cargo and 45 tons of pig iron and mail; the s.s. *Pheumpenh* (Br.) from Saigon with 1,200 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Tung Chow* (Br.) (the vessel pirated concerning which a report has already appeared); the s.s. *President McKinley* (American), from Manila, with 52 tons of hemp, tobacco, junk and general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Hanoi* (French) from Haiphong and Hoihow with 750 tons of rice and general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Paul Lecat* (French) from Yokohama and Shanghai with ten tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Maud* (Norwegian) from Saigon with 3,240 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Van Overstraten* (Dutch) from Amoy with 20 tons of general cargo; the s.s. *Shidzuoka Maru* (Japanese) from Seattle and Manila with 920 tons of cotton yarn, fire crackers and general cargo and mail and the s.s. *Ching Hing* (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan with 180 tons of general cargo.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong	15,128 tons.
For ports beyond	8,352 ,,
Total	23,480 ,,

(Previous 24 hours).

For Hongkong	7,718 ,,
For ports beyond	9,371 ,,
Total	17,449 ,,

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 9,966 tons were carried by six British vessels, five of which entered double figures, and three bringing cargo amounting to over 2,000 tons each. The next best entry was by the Norwegian vessel with 3,240 tons of general cargo from Saigon. Deck passengers entered came to 2,130, of which 836 were carried by the s.s. *Ho Sang* (Br.) from Kobe and Amoy; 497 by the s.s. *Takada* (Br.) from Calcutta and Singapore; 363 by the s.s. *Van Overstraten* (Dutch) from Amoy and 176 by the s.s. *Paul Lecat* (French) from Yokohama and Shanghai.

Arrivals too late for entry in the above returns included the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* (Br.) from Manila with 100 tons brown sugar and mail; the s.s. *Sunning* (Br.) from Shanghai and Amoy with 7,588 packages and mail; the s.s. *Tango Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Nagasaki with 595 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Seattle Maru* (Japanese) from Calcutta and Singapore with 484 tons of gunnies, raisins and general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Taikwa Maru* (Japanese) from Swatow with general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Amazone* (French) from Marseilles and Saigon with 17 tons of general cargo and mail and the s.s. *Fingchow* from Shanghai with general cargo and mail.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The master of the s.s. *Pheumpenh* (Br.) from Saigon, reported to the Harbour Office yesterday that during the trip to Hongkong, his vessel encountered a gale off the Paracels and there was a high glass 30.20. From then on there was a moderate monsoon.

A Marine Court of Enquiry is to assemble at the Harbour Office at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6th, to enquire into the circumstances attending the stranding of the s.s. *Tean* on Ching Mai Point in the Hainan Straits when *en route* from Hoihow to Hongkong. Mention of the vessel's grounding was made in these notes yesterday. The constitution of the Court has not yet been promulgated.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived from Manila yesterday morning and later in the day went to Taikoo Dock for the annual overhaul and repairs. The *Empress of Asia* is at the Hongkong and Whampoa Company's Dock. The latter vessel sails for Vancouver on January 7th and the former ship on January 22nd. The *Empress of Russia* will be the next vessel to go to Dock for overhaul on January 6th, sailing again for Vancouver on February 5th; while the *Empress of Australia* will be docked on her arrival here from Vancouver for which port she leaves Hongkong, following the repairs, on February 19th.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agra (Swedish East Asiatic), due Jan. 1st, 1926.
Benalder (Ben Line), due to-day.
Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due December 31st.
Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due to-morrow.
Khyber (P. & O.), due December 26th, about 10 a.m.
Sicilia (P. & O.), due December 26th, about 6 a.m.

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SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1925.

(*Standard of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.*)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December 24th	7.00 a.m.	5.45 p.m.
,, 25th	7.00 ,,	5.46 ,,
,, 26th	7.01 ,,	5.46 ,,
,, 27th	7.01 ,,	5.47 ,,
,, 28th	7.02 ,,	5.48 ,,
,, 29th	7.02 ,,	5.48 ,,
,, 30th	7.02 ,,	5.49 ,,
,, 31st	7.03 ,,	5.49 ,,

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 22	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 30	Feb. 8
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 22
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Mar. 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	April 5
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	April 2	April 5	April 8	April 10	April 19
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	April 16	April 19	April 22	April 24	May 5
EMPRESS OF ASIA	April 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 16	June 19	June 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 25	June 27	June 30	July 3	July 12

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KOBE via AMOY, SHANGHAI & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	...Saturday,	2nd Jan., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	...Monday,	4th Jan., at 3 p.m.
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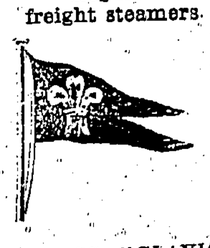
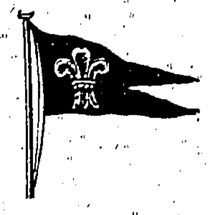

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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	9th Jan. 1926	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Jan.	Mars., Casablanca, London & Antwerp.
"LAHORE"	5,752	24th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"DELTA"	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo, and B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Mars., L'don., A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and Lond.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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BRITISH INDIA—APCAR SAILINGS

"TALMA"	10,000	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	6,949	15th Jan.	do.
"SANTHIA"	8,500	28th Jan.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb	
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Apr.	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th May	
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd June.	

The E. & A.S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Iloilo, Cebu, Kolamougan, Tawao, Timor, Durwin, or other ports en route as inducement offers.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—
The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.
The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.
The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TAKADA"	6,949	24th Dec. 6.30 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"SICILIA"	6,912	26th Dec. Noon	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KEYBER"	9,114	27th Dec D.L. 1926.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"HYMETTUS"	4,703	2rd Jan.	Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.
"SANTHIA"	8,500	7th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	9th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,128	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	6th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	6th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Apr.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,089	11th June	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.
*Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on carrying steamer.
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(Occupying 9 to 10 Days)
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Round Trip Tickets will be issued from Hongkong to Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) and Return by the same Steamer by the "HAI-NING," "HAIHONG" and "HAICHING" at the Reduced Rate of $80.00 including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.

For Freight and Passage apply to—
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General Managers.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.

SHANGHAI ...	... "SUNNING"	... On 23th Dec.,	D.L.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	... "TEAN"	... On 25th Dec.,	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	... "KUEICHOW"	... On 26th Dec.,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	... "YINGCHOW"	... On 26th Dec.,	4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI ...	... "SZECHUEN"	... On 29th Dec.,	D.L.
AMOY & SINGAPORE ...	... "ANKING"	... On 29th Dec.,	5 p.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE ...	... "KIUNGCHOW"	... On 31st Dec.,	Noon

For Freight or Passage apply to— BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Telephone Central 36. Agents.
CARGO AND PASSAGE CAN BE INSURED AT THE OFFICE OF BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

AUSTRALIAN-ORIENTAL LINE, Ltd.
"TAIPING"
This Vessel will sail hence on Friday, 22nd January, 1926.
— FOR —
MANILA, PORT BANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS
Through Bills of Lading issued to all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.
This New Vessel is fitted with the Finest and Most Up-to-Date First and Second Class Passenger Accommodation.
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REDUCED PASSAGE RATES TO BRINDISI, VENICE OR TRIESTE
£66.

NEXT SAILINGS.
OUTWARD FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI
M.V. "ESQUILINO" ... ... Sails 9th Jan.
S.S. "VENEZIA" ... ... Sails 9th Feb.

HOMEWARD FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE
M.V. "VIMINALE" ... ... Sails 31st Dec.
M.V. "ESQUILINO" ... ... Sails 31st Jan.
S.S. "VENEZIA" ... ... Sails 15th Mar.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS
FROM CALCUTTA, COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
S.S. "UMSINGA" ... ... Sails from Calcutta 30th Dec. " " Colombo 10th Jan.
S.S. "UMVOLOSI" ... ... Sails from Calcutta 31st Jan. " " Colombo 10th Feb.
Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.
Through Bills of Lading issued from Hongkong.

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M. MESSAGERIES MARITIMES M.
SERVICES CONTRACTUELS

Mail Steamers.		Next Sailings from Marseilles.	Pro. Arr. at Hgkg. and Sailing for S'hai and Japan.	Probable Sailings from Hongkong for Marseilles.
AMBOISE ...	...B ...	— 1925	— 1925	5th Jan., 1926.
AMAZONE ...	...B ...	— "	— "	19th Jan., "
FONTAINE BLEAU	...B & A	4th Dec., "	6th Jan., 1926	3rd Feb., "
D'ARTAGNAN	...A ...	18th Dec., "	20th Jan., "	16th Feb., "
ANGKOR ...	...B ...	1st Jan., 1926	3rd Feb., "	2nd Mar., "
PORTHOS ...	...A ...	15th Jan., "	17th Feb., "	16th Mar., "
ANDRE LEBON	...A ...	29th Jan., "	3rd Mar., "	30th Mar., "

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO MARSEILLES
(including Table Wine and Free Doctor's Attendance).
A Class Steamers: 1st Class.... £ 95. 0d. 0d. | 2nd " ... £ 68. 0d. 0d.
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Through Tickets to London and Leading Towns of Europe.
Accommodation reserved in the Trains at Marseilles.
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POST OFFICE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, the 25th inst., and Saturday, the 26th inst., the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

The G.P.O.—Friday, 8 a.m. to 9.00 a.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.
Kowloon Branch—Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wantsai, Sheungwan, Saiyingpun and Yaumati Branches—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

The Radio Service has reverted to normal hours of working. Messages may be handed in at any hour of the day or night during General Post Office hours at Radio Counter, Main Hall, at all other times messages should be taken through the corner entrance at Pedder Street and Des Vœux Road to the Radio Office on the 3rd floor of the building, these doors will be closed after 10 p.m. but admittance may be obtained by ringing the night-bell.

The Parcel Post Service to Canton is resumed.

Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice.
Interport Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.
Messages in Code must have name of Code used included in text.

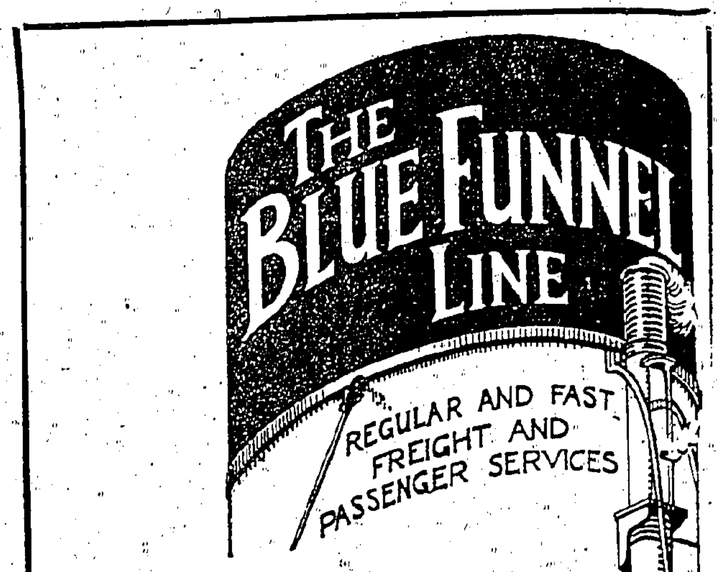
INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	*Yingchow* ...	24th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Wilson* ..	24th Dec.
Shanghai	*Kashgar*	25th Dec.
Shanghai	*Szechuen*	26th Dec.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai ..	*Pres. Jefferson* ..	26th Dec.
Straits	*Sicilia*	26th Dec.
Straits	*Emil Kirdorf* ...	26th Dec.
Europe via Suez letters & papers London, 26th, Nov. & Parcels 19th, Nov.	*Khyber*	26th Dec.
Straits	*Kashima Maru*...	28th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Wilson* ..	1st Jan.
Manila	*Pres. Jefferson* ..	3rd Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Hayes* ..	4th Jan.
Japan...	*Arafura*	4th Jan.
Australia & Manila ...	*St. Albans* ...	8th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date		
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Tuesday Island, 4th Jan., 1926	*Tango Maru* ...	Thursday, Reg. Letters	24th,	8.45 A.M. 9.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa... ...	*Amakusa Maru* ...			9.00 A.M.
Manila	*Glenbeg* ..			10.30 A.M.
Japan	*Seattle Maru* ...			10.30 A.M.
Hoihow and *Haiphong	*Mingsang* ...			10.30 A.M.
Straits	*Van Overstraten*...			11.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	*Hesang*	Parcels Letters		Noon 1.00 P.M.
Haiphong	*Tonkin*			2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	*Sun Ning*			5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E & S, Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd Jan. 1926	*Kashgar* ...	Parcels Reg. Letters	26th,	5.00 P.M. 9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and *Haiphong	*Taikwa Maru* ...	Friday,	25th,	8.30 A.M.
Port Bayard, *Hoihow & Haiphong	*Hanoi* .			8.30 A.M.
Manila	*Pres. Wilson* ...			9.00 A.M.
Java and Batavia	*Tittarcen* ...	Saturday,	26th,	9.00 A.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Hopsang*			9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, & Japan, Honolulu * Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO —due San Francisco, 22nd Jan., 1926 &EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)—Ship sails on Sunday, the 27th inst., at noon...	*Taiyo Maru* ...	Reg. Letters		Noon Noon
*Shanghai & *Japan...	*Khyber*			Noon
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Lok Sun*.	Sunday,	27th,	8.30 A.M.
Manila	*Pres. Jefferson* ...			9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	*Kaijo Maru* ...			9.00 A.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



LONDON SERVICE.

"THESEUS"	29th Dec.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"ANTENOR"	13th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.
"DARDANUS"	26th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"EUMAEUS"	9th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"BELLEROPHON"	20th Jan.	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"LAOMEDON"	1st Feb.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"MEMNON"	20th Feb.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.
(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA).

"PROTESILAUS"	8th Jan.	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"PHILOCTETES"	27th Jan.	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"CYCLOPS"	7th Jan.	Boston, New York & Baltimore
"YANGTSZE"	19th Jan.	Boston, New York & Baltimore

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"ANTENOR"	13th Jan.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"HECTOR"	3rd Mar.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"SARPEDON"	7th April	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"PATROCLUS"	5th May	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"ANTENOR"	2nd June	Singapore, Marseilles & London.

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Agents. [16a

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

December 23rd, 1925.

On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	2/4⅛
Bank Bills, on demand ...	2/4 9/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...	2/4⅛
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	2/5⅛
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/5⅛
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,580
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	1,630-
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	57⅞
Credits, at 30 days' sight ...	59⅛
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Tranfer ...	156⅛
Bank Bills, on demand ...	
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	156⅛
Bank Bills, on demand ...	
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	
On Yokohama.—On demand ...	133½
On Manila.—On demand	114⅝
On Singapore.—On demand ...	101½
On Batavia.—On demand	141½
On Haiphong.—On demand... ...	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand	78⅛
On Bangkok.—On demand	88.20
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate ...	—
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael ...	3113/16
Bar Silver, per oz.	

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £4,500,000
Silver $26,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

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A. H. Barlow, Esq.
Manager: Shanghai—G. H. Stitt, Esq.

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Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [35

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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Interest on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3½ per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of $100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSITS at CURRENT RATES.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [2

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Chater, 1853.

Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietor.£3,000,000

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.
(Incorporated in France).

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Head Office:
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Capital.....Frs. 20,000,000
Reserves.....Frs. 11,160,000
Special Working Capital ...Frs. 50,000,000

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Peking	Shanghai	Tientsin
Canton	Hongkong	

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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1925.

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Head Office:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

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Subscribed Capital.....£1,600,000
Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
Reserve Fund £1,300,000

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and
Midland Bank, Ltd.

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Calcutta	Kandy	Penang	Singapore
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis	Sourabaya
Delhi	Kota Bharu	(Mauritius)	

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
J. B. ROSS,
Acting Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29

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Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital .....Frs. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund .....Frs. 59,667,283.54

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Canton	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Djibouti	Noumea	Singapore
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [32

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(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ... ...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ... ...Yen 39,375,000

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T. Takagi.
Manager,
Hongkong Branch,
3, Des Vœux Road, Central.
Hongkong, 1st December 1925. [27

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Established 1912.

Authorised Capital $1,200,000
Paid Up Capital $1,078,580
Silver Reserve Fund $700,000
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Interest allowed on
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2% per annum on daily credit balances of over $100.
Savings
4% per annum.
Deposits
for 12 months 5% per annum.
for 6 ,, 4% ,, ,,
for 3 ,, 3% ,, ,,
on demand 2% ,, ,,
Branches:
Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Bangkok, and New York.
London Bankers:
The Lloyds Bank, Limited.
LOOK POONG SHAN,
37] Chief Manager.

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中國銀行

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital $60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 18,276,600.00
Reserve Fund 9,320,425.24

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TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. [38

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(Netherlands Trading Society).

Established 1824.
Hongkong Branch established 1906.
Authorized Capital
Guilders 150,000,000 (£12,500,000)
Paid-up Capital ,, 80,000,000 (£6,666,670)
Reserve Fund ,, 20,536,861 (£1,711,405)
Special Reserves ,, 22,660,000 (£1,888,330)

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